

Do you need IVF?
If so, have you
considered egg sharing?



Could you give the gift of life by sharing your eggs with another woman?

Egg sharing involves donating half the eggs produced during your IVF treatment to an anonymous woman who needs eggs so that you both have a chance of becoming pregnant.

In return for sharing your eggs and to say thank you, you can access IVF from as little as £500.

For more information and a no obligation discussion about whether this is for you, speak to our Donor Co-ordinator on 023 8120 8359 or email donorcoordinator@completefertility.co.uk.

How egg sharing works

| Who's involved | Egg donor | Egg recipient |
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| Their situation | Produces healthy eggs but needs IVF treatment | Needs an egg donor as she can't produce good quality eggs or any eggs at all |
| A win-win solution | Shares half her eggs with an egg recipient and receives heavily discounted IVF treatment | Receives healthy eggs enabling her to proceed with fertility treatment |
| With a mutual outcome | Both couples have a chance of having a baby through fertility treatment | |

Who can egg share?

To be eligible for our egg sharing programme a woman must:

- Be between the ages of 18 and 35 years
- Be a non-smoker for at least three months
- Be fit and healthy with a BMI between 20 and 30
- Have measurements of ovarian reserve (an indication of egg supply) within the normal range
- Have no previous history of low ovarian response to ovarian stimulation for IVF
- Have both ovaries in place
- Have no personal history of transmissible diseases
- Have no personal or family history of inheritable diseases
- Have no polycystic ovarian disease
- Have no fallopian tube disease

We positively welcome enquiries from women in same sex relationships who are considering whether to have donor insemination treatment or IVF with donor sperm. We have developed packages especially for women who wish to donate half their eggs to their partner in order to achieve a pregnancy and share the other half with an anonymous recipient. All our egg share packages are available for women in same sex relationships.

Who needs donated eggs?

Donated eggs may be offered to egg recipient women suffering premature menopause, those whose egg quality is poor or who do not have any eggs, women who are infertile following cancer treatment or have a genetic condition they do not want to pass on to their offspring, those with declining ovarian function due to age or an unknown cause of infertility.

Why egg share?

With relatively limited NHS funding for IVF and a need for patients to fulfil strict NHS criteria to secure NHS funded IVF treatment, many women and couples find themselves requiring IVF treatment but struggling or unable to pay for the treatment that they need.

Egg sharing helps with the cost of IVF treatment. If you choose to share your eggs then both you and the egg recipient will have the chance of having a baby and the fees for your IVF cycle and drugs will be heavily subsidised.

Enabling someone to have a child through the gift of egg sharing is one of the most wonderful things you can do. Our donors feel a huge sense of pride and achievement, knowing the joy they have brought to people who could not otherwise become parents.

The cost of IVF treatment through our egg share programme

The cost of IVF treatment when you join our egg share programme is greatly reduced from the regular price for self-funding patients of around £4000. We have developed four packages for you to choose from. Please ask for our current egg sharing price list or visit our website for details of the packages on offer.

For example, our Access Package is just £500 and includes all your medical and nursing consultations, screening tests for you and a male partner if applicable, counselling, your stimulation cycle, semen preparation of partner sperm if applicable, egg retrieval, attempted fertilisation of at least 4 eggs, embryo transfer, pregnancy scan or a follow up appointment within 3 months, all of your drugs and the HFEA fee.

We also offer an all-inclusive Complete Package at £1575 for egg sharers that additionally includes ICSI if required, blastocyst culture of embryos, embryo freezing and storage for one year and frozen embryo transfer if not pregnant from first cycle (to be taken within 6 months). So the only additional cost is that of donor sperm if required.

Are my chances of success reduced?

No, research shows that sharing eggs does not reduce the egg sharer's chances of a successful pregnancy.

During IVF your ovaries are stimulated to produce approximately 10 to 12 eggs. UK law allows only one or two fertilised eggs (embryos) to be transferred to the womb. The remaining embryos can be frozen although in some cases these aren't all used, even for subsequent treatments. Egg sharing allows these potentially surplus eggs to be shared with a woman who needs them.

What is the agreement?

Egg sharers agree to donate half their eggs collected in their treatment to one anonymous recipient. The minimum number of eggs required for the egg share to go ahead is eight. If fewer eggs are retrieved then the share will not go ahead but you as the egg sharer would keep all your eggs for your treatment at no extra cost.

Anonymity

Egg sharers are anonymous to their recipients. However you should be aware that donor conceived offspring could find out information about their donor once they reach 18 years of age. This information includes full name (including previous names), date and place of birth and last known postal address of their donor.

As an egg donor you can find out the number, sex and age of the children born as a result of your donation.

Responsibility

The egg recipient is responsible for any child born following donation. You as the egg donor do not have any legal responsibilities for the child.

Counselling

All egg sharers see our Counsellor before starting treatment to explore the implications of donating eggs. On-going support from the counsellor or our monthly patient support group is also available free of charge.

Next steps

Call us on 023 8120 8359 or email donorcoordinator@completefertility.co.uk. Our Donor Co-ordinator will then be in touch to discuss the programme in more detail.

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