



CANBERRA FERTILITY CENTRE

EXPLANATION OF FEES

RECIPIENT OF DONOR OOCYTES

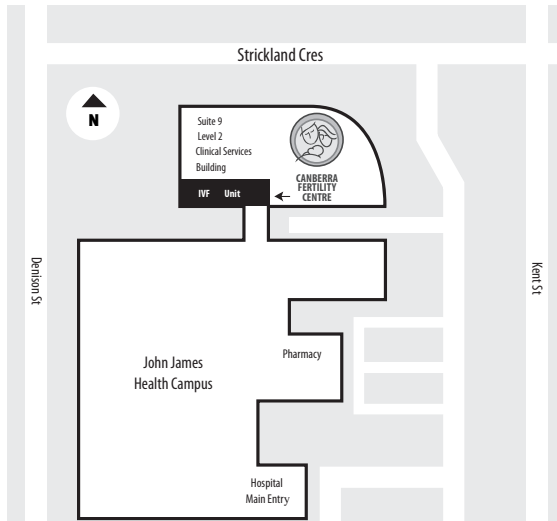


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Explanation of Fees (Donor Oocyte Procedures)

Recipient of Donor Oocytes

Introduction

Despite Medicare funding, all Assisted Reproductive Technology Services such as IVF still incur out-of-pocket or gap expenses. As the recipient of donated oocytes that have been collected using IVF you are responsible for all the gap expenses incurred by the donor. This handout has been designed to explain the sources of the expenses associated with the acceptance of donor oocytes.

Donor Oocyte procedure fees are separated into three stages:

> Stage 1: Preparation and approval

Fees involved in the preparation and approval of both donor and recipient to commence an oocyte collection and fertilisation procedure.

> Stage 2: Oocyte collection, fertilisation and embryo storage

Fees involved in the cycle management, oocyte collection (Donor IVF procedure) and fertilisation procedure and storage of embryos.

> Stage 3: Embryo transfer procedure

Fees involved in the subsequent transfer of embryos.

Stage 1: Preparation and approval

The preparation and approval process for both donors and recipients involves assessment by the Canberra Fertility Centre specialist doctor, counselling, screening tests (including fertility health/infectious disease/relevant genetic disorder screening tests) and informed consent.

The recipient is responsible for any out-of-pocket costs associated with the preparation and approval process for themselves and their donor. The specialist doctor will bill separately for their consultation fee. Please telephone their office to confirm the relevant fees and Medicare rebate entitlement. The estimated total out-of-pocket cost for the Stage 1 preparation and approval process to be paid to the Canberra Fertility Centre is **\$3,465.00**.

Anonymous Donor Surcharge

An anonymous donor is also provided with a travel cost contribution of \$300.00 at the completion of all required tests. This is paid by the recipient as part of the Stage 1 Fees.

Table 1

| Stage 1 Fees: Recipient of Donor Oocytes | | |
|---|------------------------|-----------------|
| DESCRIPTION | FEE (\$) GST Inclusive | |
| | Known | Anonymous |
| Management of Recipients of Donor Oocytes | 1,320.00 | 1,320.00 |
| Sub Total | 1,320.00 | 1,320.00 |
| Management of Oocyte Donor | 1,320.00 | 1,320.00 |
| ¹ Health Testing | 825.00 | 825.00 |
| Storage (See IVF Fees Booklet) | | |
| Sub Total | 2,145.00 | 2,145.00 |
| Anonymous Donor Surcharge | - | 300.00 |
| TOTAL | 3,465.00 | 3,465.00 |

¹ Minimum screening tests.

Waiting Lists

Unfortunately there is often a waiting list for anonymous donor oocytes. To be on the waiting list recipients need to complete the Stage 1 preparation and approval process. The cost involved is **\$1,320.00** (see Table 1).

Stage 2: Oocyte collection, fertilisation and embryo storage

Complex treatments such as donor oocyte collection (Donor IVF procedures) involve the services of many different health professionals. These professionals will bill separately for their respective services so accounts will be received from the following sources:

- a) CAPS Clinic
- b) The Anaesthetist
- c) The Gynaecologist/ Canberra Fertility Centre.

Doctor Referrals

To receive the Medicare component of your invoice, you and your donor must have a current referral to your Specialist from your General Practitioner (GP) valid for 12 months or other Specialist valid for 3 months. Please ensure your referral does not expire during your cycle. If your referral is out of date at the commencement of your cycle you will not be eligible for any Medicare funding. It is your responsibility to maintain a current referral.

Prepayment

A Prepayment of **\$3,428.10 (known) or \$3,928.10 (anonymous)** must be paid in full before the donor commences treatment. Please pay this amount to the Canberra Fertility Centre before the start of the Donor IVF Procedure. The amount of the Prepayment is increased if ICSI or an anonymous donor is used. Table 2 outlines the various prepayments required..

Table 2

| Stage 2 Fees: Recipient of Donor Oocytes (PREPAYMENT) | | | |
|--|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------|
| DESCRIPTION | EXPECTED COST (\$) | PREPAYMENT REQUIRED (\$) | |
| | | Known | Anonymous |
| Hospitalisation for oocyte collection (CAPS Clinic) | Approx 1,100.00 | No prepayment ¹ | 1,100.00 |
| Anaesthetist | Approx 500.00 | No prepayment ² | 500.00 |
| Donor IVF Procedure Gap Expense (Gynaecologist/Canberra Fertility Centre) | 5,868.25 | 2,678.10 | 2,678.10 |
| ICSI (Intracytoplasmic sperm injection) | Extra ³ | Extra ³ | Extra ³ |
| Embryo Freezing and Storage (1year) | 750.00 | 750.00 | 750.00 |
| TOTAL PREPAYMENT | | 3,428.10 | 3,928.10 |

¹ Recipient responsible for any Gap Expense for known donor Hospitalisation and this is paid to the CAPS Clinic on day of donor's admission

² Account sent to donor from Anaesthetist – Recipient responsible for any Gap expense and this is paid to Anaesthetist.

³ \$522.50 to be paid only if ICSI is required.

a) CAPS Clinic

The expected cost of hospitalisation for the donor is \$1,100.00. The hospitalisation is in a private hospital, however you cannot utilise your own private health insurance to claim any extra benefits for a donor.

Recipients of an anonymous donor pay the expected hospitalisation cost as part of the Stage 2 Fee prepayment. If the actual cost of hospitalisation is greater than the prepayment the recipient will receive an account from the Canberra Fertility Centre for the remaining gap expense of services provided by the CAPS Clinic.

Recipients of a known donor are responsible for any gap expense for hospitalisation and **payment is required to be made on the day of admission** to the CAPS Clinic. You will be required to pay any gap expense if the donor's insurance only partially covers hospitalisation. If the donor is uninsured or chooses not to utilise her private insurance then you will be required to pay the full cost of hospitalisation. Please ensure that these matters are fully discussed before the donor commences treatment.

Extra Hospitalisation/Complications

The major complication of IVF is Ovarian Hyperstimulation Syndrome (OHSS) and this can require further hospitalisation after the IVF egg collection procedure. In the event of this or other complications arising from the Donor IVF procedure, you are responsible for the gap expenses that may arise, and your own insurance cannot be used to further reduce these expenses. Please be aware of these matters and make sure they have been fully discussed before the donor commences treatment.

b) Anaesthetist

The fees charged by Anaesthetists providing services to CAPS Clinic vary and we suggest you allow up \$500.00 for this procedure.

Recipients of an anonymous donor pay the expected anaesthetist costs for the Donor IVF procedure as part of the Stage 2 Fee prepayment. If the actual cost of the anaesthetist service is greater than the prepayment paid, the recipient will receive an account from the Canberra Fertility Centre for the remaining gap expense.

Recipients of a known donor are responsible for any gap expense for the anaesthetist costs for the Stage 2 Donor IVF procedure. The anaesthetist will send an account to the donor for their services. The donor may claim any eligible Medicare and private insurance rebates. Recipients of a known donor are then responsible the payment of any gap expense to the anaesthetist.

c) Gynaecologist/Canberra Fertility Centre

Donor IVF Procedure – Gap Expense Prepayment

This section covers the **expected** costs from the gynaecologist/Canberra Fertility Centre for Donor IVF procedures. This includes the services of Donor IVF procedure management and cycle monitoring, egg collection, semen preparation, IVF and embryo culture, embryo freezing and storage.

Medicare processes rebates for IVF procedures under item 13200. This global item refers to the laboratory-based aspects of the treatment. Because the donor is the individual undergoing the Donor IVF procedure, all relevant accounts for the services used must be rendered in the donor's name for processing by Medicare and private insurance where applicable. A donor signs the required forms so that any eligible Medicare rebate for their procedure is directed to the Canberra Fertility Centre, to contribute towards the cost of the treatment cycle. The Canberra Fertility Centre only requires a recipient to pay the remaining expenses (called "Gap" expenses). The majority of the Gap expense is paid as a "Prepayment" before the commencement of the Donor IVF procedure. An account for any further gap not covered by the prepayment will be sent to you by Canberra Fertility Centre, and this account **cannot** be submitted to Medicare or your private fund for further rebates.

The Medicare Safety Net gives extra rebates for the out-of-pocket expenses incurred in an IVF treatment. However, as you have not undergone the IVF procedure you are **not** eligible for safety net payments for IVF. You may however be eligible for safety net benefits for your own fresh or frozen embryo transfer procedures.

Other Expenses

Other expenses that may be incurred in association with a donor IVF procedure are detailed below.

Semen freezing

If your partner is going to be unavailable during the treatment or he needs to store semen for other reasons (illness) then the cost of freezing and storage of a sperm sample is \$750.00. This includes the cost of initial freezing and ongoing storage for 12 months. If you wish to continue storage thereafter, there will be an annual fee of \$250.00 for which you will receive an account. This is also outlined in the "Cryopreservation and Storage of Semen" consent form. Payment for this service is required at the time the sample is provided.

Payment of Accounts

An account summary for the gynaecologist/Canberra Fertility Centre components will be issued at the end of the procedure, showing any outstanding balance known at this time. This balance is due within 30 days. **Please do not submit this statement to Medicare, as all Medicare claimable items have already been claimed on your behalf.**

Also at the completion of the treatment you will receive accounts from the Canberra Fertility Centre for any further gap expenses involved with hospitalisation or anaesthetic services for the donor IVF procedure. These accounts are due within 30 days. Please forward your payment to the Canberra Fertility Centre.

Canberra Fertility Centre (Accounts)

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Cancellation of Treatment

If the Donor IVF procedure needs to be cancelled for any reason prior to oocyte collection then the prepayment remains intact and you can use this in future treatments or request a refund (proof of identity required). Canberra Fertility Centre will bulk bill Medicare for this cancelled cycle. Stage 1 Fees are non-refundable (including the anonymous donor surcharge, as this amount is paid to the donor as a contribution for travel costs even if the cycle is cancelled).

Stage 3: Embryo transfer procedure

Fresh Embryo Transfer Cycles (known donor recipients only)

If you are considered a candidate for transferring embryos formed from donated oocytes prior to cryopreservation this is termed a fresh embryo transfer. The cost of this cycle is outlined in Table 3. A Prepayment of **\$1,334.20** is required at the time the cycle commences. This amount is extra to the Prepayment required Stage 2 Fees.

Table 3

| Stage 3: Recipient Costs for Fresh Embryo Transfer | | | | |
|--|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|------------------------------|
| ITEM NO. | DESCRIPTION | FEE (\$) | EXPECTED REBATE (\$) | GAP EXPENSE(\$) ⁶ |
| 13218 | FET procedure | 1,777.35 | 680.90 | 1,096.45 |
| 13209 | Planning & Management | 200.00 | 68.00 | 132.00 |
| 13215 | Embryo Transfer | 195.00 | 89.25 | 105.75 |
| Total | | 2,172.35 | 838.15 | 1,334.20 |

⁶ Safety Net rebate may apply.

Payment of Accounts for Fresh Embryo Transfer

You will receive an account from the Canberra Fertility Centre that includes the services provided by your gynaecologist during your treatment. The prepayment amount for this account will have been deducted, and the balance owing will be shown. This account is due within 30 days. Please forward the account with the accompanying Medicare claim form to Medicare Assessing and Benefits GPO Box 9822 Sydney NSW 2001. If you submit the claim to your local branch the claim is forwarded to the address below for processing. The Medicare rebate cheque **plus** any outstanding amount will then need to be paid to the Canberra Fertility Centre to finalise your account. Medicare will notify you in writing regarding your safety net rebate and forward a refund, once they receive confirmation of payment of all accounts (usually a receipt of payment).

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Cancellation of Treatment

If there is cancellation of a planned fresh embryo transfer cycle, the Canberra Fertility Centre will bulk bill Medicare. The prepayment remains intact and you can use this in future treatment or request a refund (proof of identity required).

Frozen Embryo Transfer Cycles

Fees for frozen embryo transfer cycles are included in the general Explanation of Fees booklet. Please ask staff for a copy of the current booklet.

Testing outside of Canberra Fertility Centre

In some instances blood tests, ultrasound scans and donor/recipient counselling may need to be performed by outside providers. This will most likely be the case if you or your donor live outside the ACT. Outside service providers often charge higher prices than those charged by the Canberra Fertility Centre. For Donor IVF procedures and recipient fresh or frozen embryo transfer procedures a prepayment is made to the Canberra Fertility Centre. This is relevant for blood and ultrasound tests within a 30 day period. The Canberra Fertility Centre will pay a proportion of the fee incurred for tests performed at another centre and you are responsible for any balance. Please forward relevant accounts to the Canberra Fertility Centre. The proportion paid by the Canberra Fertility Centre is the equivalent cost a patient would have incurred by having such tests performed at the Canberra Fertility Centre. The contribution made by the Canberra Fertility Centre is shown in Table 4. After the period covered by the prepayment has passed, the recipient is responsible for the full fee.

Table 4

Contribution by Canberra Fertility Centre to the cost of Outside provider services for global item number procedures.

| DESCRIPTION | Medicare ITEM NO. | CANBERRA FERTILITY CENTRE CONTRIBUTION (\$) |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Follicle Watch Ultrasound | 55733 | 29.75 |
| Blood test of one hormone level | 66695 | 26.10 |
| Blood test of two hormone levels | 66698 | 37.40 |
| Blood test of three hormone levels | 66701 | 48.75 |
| Blood test of four hormone levels | 66704 | 60.05 |
| Blood test of five hormone levels | 66707 | 71.35 |
| Blood test for Pregnancy hormone | 73529 | 24.55 |
| PEI – Patient episode initiation | 73907 | May vary depending on cycle billing type. |

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List of information brochures

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LIFESTYLE FACTORS & INFERTILITY
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OOCYTE DONATION
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PRIVATE SPERM STORAGE
PROGESTERONE PESSARIES
SEMEN COLLECTION FOR ANALYSIS, ARTIFICIAL INSEMINATION (AI) AND IV F
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SURGICAL SPERM COLLECTION (SSC)
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List of fee brochures

CANBERRA FERTILITY CENTRE EXPLANATION OF FEES
EXPLANATION OF FEES IVF AND FET FOR SURROGACY PROCEDURES
EXPLANATION OF FEES RECIPIENT OF DONOR EMBRYOS
EXPLANATION OF FEES (DONOR OOCYTE PROCEDURES) RECIPIENT OF DONOR OOCYTES
EXPLANATION OF FEES RECIPIENTS OF DONOR SPERM
NON MEDICARE FEES

List of information books

CANBERRA FERTILITY CENTRE INFORMATION BOOKLET
CLINIC PROCEDURES BOOKLET
SEMEN DONOR INFORMATION BOOKLET
SURROGACY INFORMATION BOOKLET

Websites

The following websites contain helpful information:

www.nhmrc.gov.au – Ethical Guidelines

[Parentage Act 2004 – Legal Issues](#)

www.dcsq.org.au

www.xyandme.com

www.dcnetwork.org

These three have DVDs and books for adults and children.

