



CANBERRA FERTILITY CENTRE

# EXPLANATION OF FEES

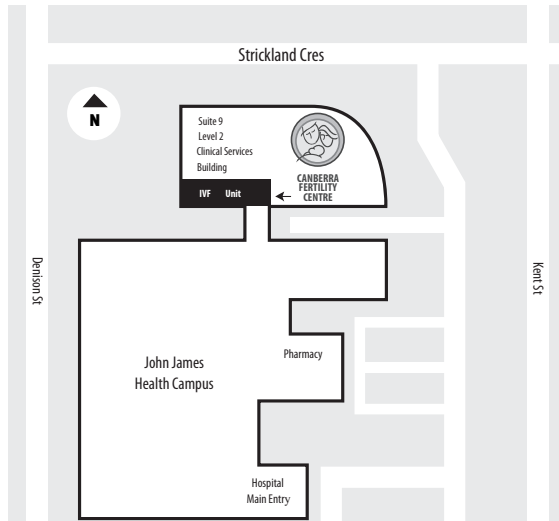


# Canberra Fertility Centre

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# Explanation of Fees

## Section 1

- > **Tracking**
- > **Ovulation Induction**
- > **Early Pregnancy Monitoring**

### **Blood Hormone Monitoring Tests**

Blood testing performed by the Canberra Fertility Centre for the above cycles is bulkbilled for all Medicare eligible patients. You will be asked to complete and sign a Medicare Assignment form for each test performed.

### **Follicle Watch Ultrasounds**

Follicle watch ultrasound tests performed by the Canberra Fertility Centre are performed at no charge for patients of the Canberra Fertility Centre. Patients referred from other clinics may receive an account from that clinic.

### **Pregnancy Ultrasounds**

Pregnancy ultrasounds (7–8 weeks) are performed at the Canberra Fertility Centre. The fee is \$80.00 Medicare Item Number is 55703 and the rebate is \$29.75.

### **Medications**

If medications are needed for the above cycles your doctor will provide instructions and a script to be filled at a pharmacy. Progesterone pessaries (200mg each) and Crinone 8% (90mg) may be purchased from the Canberra Fertility Centre with written authorisation from your doctor. Please contact the Canberra Fertility Centre for pricing of these two medications.

The Canberra Fertility Centre also sells ELEVIT, a Vitamin and Mineral supplement for pregnant and lactating women. This product is also beneficial when trying for pregnancy as it has the necessary folic acid and iron content.

MENEVIT is also available and is specifically formulated for men.

## Section 2

- > **Insemination – AIH (partner insemination)**
- > **Insemination – AID (donor insemination)**
- > **IVF (In Vitro Fertilization)**
- > **FET (Frozen Embryo Transfer)**
- > **Thawed Oocyte Cycle**

### Introduction

Despite Medicare funding, all Assisted Reproductive Technology Services such as Insemination (AIH/AID), IVF and FET procedures still bear out-of-pocket or gap expenses for the patient. Complex treatments such as these involve the services of many different health professionals. These professionals will bill separately for their respective services so you may receive accounts from the following sources:

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

An individual patient's account is dependent upon the actual treatment received, whether any complications arise during treatment and the level of cover from the patient's particular health fund. The exact nature of the account will depend on the procedure undertaken, the amount of medications used and the length of stay in hospital.

The Medicare rebate for Insemination (AIH/AID), IVF, IVF/ICSI and FET procedures is provided under global item numbers 13203/13200/13201/13218. These global item numbers cover the laboratory-based aspects of the treatment. The fee associated with these items applies irrespective of the outcome of the treatment procedure, including whether insemination, fertilisation or embryo transfer occurs, or whether 1 test (blood test or ultrasound) or many tests were performed during the treatment.

The estimated out-of-pocket expenses in this handout only apply if Medicare covers you. If you are not covered by Medicare please consult the staff at Canberra Fertility Centre who will give you another handout outlining your expenses.

## Doctor Referrals

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

## Safety Net

Medicare runs a Safety Net program for all Australian residents. This means, once your out-of-pocket, out-of-hospital medical expenses exceed the Safety Net threshold in a calendar year, you will be rebated a portion of those expenses by Medicare. The Safety Net threshold is indexed to the CPI and is \$1126.00 at 1 January 2010.

This program was recently overhauled by the government and all item numbers relating to Assisted Reproductive Technology have been capped. This means a maximum amount of money (referred to as the cap) will be rebated to you per cycle and this amount may vary with subsequent similar cycles in the same calendar year.

Please contact Medicare on 132 011 for further details or consult the Health Insurance Commission website [www.hic.gov.au](http://www.hic.gov.au) and follow the links to Medicare Plus. Medicare requires proof of payment for all out-of-pocket expenses before they can process safety net claims. **Please retain copies of all accounts and receipts you receive from Canberra Fertility Centre.**

## Pre-Payment

A pre-payment system operates whereby the basic out-of-pocket cost of the procedure/cycle is paid before treatment commences. Please pay the amount indicated in Table 1 to the Canberra Fertility Centre before your cycle starts. The balance of the account is rendered at the completion of treatment and will include the cost of any extra services used. This account is due within 30 days of that time. Please refer to the section on Cancelled Procedures for details when the treatment is cancelled.

Table 1

PROCEDURE TYPE	PREPAYMENT REQUIRED
AIH/AID using FSH Injections	\$1,173.20
AIH/AID using Nil Meds/Clomid/Serophene	\$599.20
DONOR SEMEN <sup>1</sup>	\$200.00 <sup>1</sup>
IVF (Initial)	\$2,783.85
IVF (Subsequent)	\$2,973.85
ICSI (Initial)	\$2,970.60
ICSI (Subsequent)	\$3,160.60
FET	\$1,334.20
Thawed Oocyte Cycle	\$1,856.70
PESA <sup>2</sup>	\$600.00
<b>Non Medicare Clients</b>	<b>Please ask for specific handout</b>

<sup>1</sup> Semen sourced from other clinics or from overseas will vary in price. You will be notified of the cost and payment is required when you make your selection.

<sup>2</sup> If carried out at Canberra Fertility Centre.

## Fees from Gynaecologist/Canberra Fertility Centre

Tables 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 below detail the expected costs from your gynaecologist/Canberra Fertility Centre and the Medicare item numbers used in the accounts process. Please be aware the gap expense on your account may differ depending on the extent of extra services used as outlined in Other Expenses or the level of safety net rebate you are eligible for. Please contact Medicare on 132 011 to determine your level of eligibility.

Table 2

Insemination Procedures – Stimulated – using FSH Injections (Gonal F or Puregon)				
ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEE (\$)	MEDICARE (\$)	GAP EXPENSE(\$) <sup>3</sup>
13203	Insemination procedure	1,353.00	391.00	962.00
13209	Planning & Management	200.00	68.00	132.00
13221	Semen preparation	120.00	40.80	79.20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,673.00</b>	<b>499.80</b>	<b>1,173.20</b>

<sup>3</sup> The gap expense may be subject to further safety net rebates. The Safety Net rebate will range from \$49.00 to \$130.00.

Table 3

<b>Insemination Procedures – Unstimulated</b>				
<b>ITEM NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FEE (\$)</b>	<b>MEDICARE (\$)</b>	<b>GAP EXPENSE(\$)<sup>4</sup></b>
13203	Insemination procedure	779.00	391.00	388.00
13209	Planning & Management	200.00	68.00	132.00
13221	Semen preparation	120.00	40.80	79.20
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>1,099.00</b>	<b>499.80</b>	<b>599.20</b>

<sup>4</sup> The gap expense may be subject to further safety net rebates. The rebate expected will be \$130.00.

Table 4

<b>INITIAL – Basic IVF/GIFT Procedures</b>				
<b>ITEM NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FEE (\$)</b>	<b>MEDICARE (\$)</b>	<b>GAP EXPENSE(\$)<sup>7</sup></b>
13200 <sup>5</sup>	IVF procedure	5,333.25	2,870.90	2,462.35
13209	Planning & Management	200.00	68.00	132.00
13212 <sup>6</sup>	Oocyte retrieval	335.00	251.25	83.75
13215	Embryo transfer	195.00	89.25	105.75
13251	ICSI (If Required)	522.50	335.75	186.75
<b>TOTAL IVF</b>		<b>6,063.25</b>	<b>3,279.40</b>	<b>2,783.85</b>
<b>TOTAL IVF ICSI</b>		<b>6,585.75</b>	<b>3,615.15</b>	<b>2,970.60</b>

<sup>5</sup> Included is provision for synarel or lucrin to oocyte collection, and progesterone pessaries or crinone to 12 days post oocyte retrieval (Day +12).

<sup>6</sup> Includes a refund of \$83.75 from your private health fund. Contact your fund to confirm your eligibility.

<sup>7</sup> The gap expense may be subject to further Safety Net rebates. The Safety Net rebate will range from \$1,100.00 to \$1,600.00.

Table 5

<b>SUBSEQUENT – Basic IVF/GIFT Procedures</b>				
<b>ITEM NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FEE (\$)</b>	<b>MEDICARE (\$)</b>	<b>GAP EXPENSE<sup>10</sup></b>
13201 <sup>8</sup>	IVF procedure	5,333.25	2,680.90	2,652.35
13209	Planning & Management	200.00	68.00	132.00
13212 <sup>9</sup>	Oocyte retrieval	335.00	251.25	83.75
13215	Embryo transfer	195.00	89.25	105.75
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<sup>8</sup> Included is provision for synarel or lucrin to oocyte collection, and progesterone pessaries or crinone to 12 days post oocyte retrieval (Day +12).

<sup>9</sup> Includes a refund of \$83.75 from your private health fund. Contact your fund to confirm your eligibility.

<sup>10</sup> The gap expense may be subject to further Safety Net rebates. The expected Safety Net rebate will be \$2,100.00

Table 6

<b>Basic Frozen Embryo Transfer Procedures</b>				
<b>ITEM NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FEE (\$)</b>	<b>MEDICARE (\$)</b>	<b>GAP EXPENSE(\$)<sup>11</sup></b>
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
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,172.35</b>	<b>838.15</b>	<b>1,334.20</b>

<sup>11</sup> The gap expense may be subject to further safety net rebates. The Safety Net rebate will range from \$125 to \$705.00.

Table 7

<b>Thawed Oocyte Transfer Procedure</b>				
<b>ITEM NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>FEE (\$)</b>	<b>MEDICARE (\$)</b>	<b>GAP EXPENSE(\$)<sup>12</sup></b>
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
13251	ICSI	522.50		522.50
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>2,694.85</b>	<b>838.15</b>	<b>1,856.70</b>

<sup>12</sup> The gap expense may be subject to further safety net rebates. The Safety Net rebate will range from \$125 to \$705.00.

## Payment of Accounts

You will receive an account from the Canberra Fertility Centre that includes the services provided by your gynaecologist during your treatment. The pre-payment amount 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 forward to the above address 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).

**Canberra Fertility Centre (Accounts)**

**PO Box 228**

**CURTIN ACT 2605**

*Email:* admin@cfc.net.au

*Telephone:* 02 6282 5458

*Facsimile:* 02 6281 2087

## **Other Expenses**

### **a)      **Lucrin/Synarel /Progesterone Pessaries/Crinone****

These drugs are often required for IVF treatments. Lucrin or Synarel to oocyte collection and Progesterone Pessaries or Crinone to 12 days post oocyte retrieval (Day +12) are all included in the cost of Item 13200.

### **Cetrotide/Orgalutran**

These medications are paid for at the time of collection

### **Progesterone Pessaries/Crinone**

These items can be purchased separately. Progesterone Pessaries 200mg supplied in bottles of 15 @ \$85.00 and Crinone gel @ \$12.50 each. If pregnancy occurs, Progesterone Pessaries or Crinone may be required to be used up until the end of the first trimester.

### **b)      **Embryo freezing – Payment due on day of transfer****

If you obtain extra embryos and you have elected to have them stored the fee is \$750.00. This includes the cost of initial freezing and 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 Embryos” consent form. This initial storage fee will be included in Item 13200/13201 in the final account. Payment of this fee at the time of embryo transfer is recommended to expedite your claim from Medicare and your Safety Net rebate.

### **c)      **Oocyte Freezing – Payment due at time of freezing****

If you obtain oocytes and you have elected to have them stored the fee is \$750.00. This includes the cost of initial freezing and 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 Oocytes” consent form. This initial storage fee will be included in Item 13200/13201 in the final account. Payment of this fee will be due at the time of initial freezing, which is recommended to expedite your claim from Medicare and your Safety Net rebate.

### **d)      **ICSI (Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection)****

If ICSI technique is to be used the fee associated is \$522.50. This fee forms part of the prepayment for the procedure. This fee is refunded if the technique is not used.

**e) Blastocyst Culture**

If blastocyst culture is to be used a separate fee does not apply.

**f) Donor semen**

If donor semen is needed in your treatment the cost per straw is paid upon reservation of that straw. Donor semen sourced from other fertility clinics or overseas will vary in price. This will be discussed with you at the time of selection/reservation.

**g) Assisted Hatching**

If you have elected to use Assisted Hatching a separate fee does not apply.

**h) Semen freezing – Payment due on the day**

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 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.

**i) MESA/TESE Collection**

If a surgical method is required for collection of a sperm sample at the time of oocyte retrieval then a fee of \$100.00 will apply. This does not include the medical or hospital fees that may apply for this procedure. Please contact your Urologist for full details. If semen is to be stored, then the freezing and storage charges will apply (see g above). This fee will be included in the final account.

**j) PESA Collection**

If a fine needle aspiration is required for collection of a sperm sample then a fee of \$600.00 will apply. This procedure is carried out at the Canberra Fertility Centre.

If this procedure is carried out at another facility then a fee of \$100.00 will apply for our attendance. This does not include the medical or hospital fees that may apply for this procedure. Please contact your Urologist/Surgeon for full details.

A Medicare rebate is available for the PESA procedure and the Item Number is 37605 and the 85% rebate is \$300.05. If semen is to be stored, then the freezing and storage charges will apply (see h above).

## **Anaesthetist – Invoice will be mailed to you**

Anaesthetic services are necessary for IVF and ICSI procedures and may be used in other procedures. The fees charged range from \$200–\$600 and the Medicare rebate may vary, please ask the coordinating sister to find out who your anaesthetist is likely to be. If you have private health cover you may be eligible for a further rebate. Contact your fund to clarify your position.

## **Caps Clinic – Payment due on the day**

IVF, and ICSI oocyte (egg) collection procedures, performed at the Caps Clinic will incur a fee. This fee will vary depending on whether you, the patient, have no insurance or private health insurance.

For those patients who have no insurance, the out-of-pocket cost to be paid on the day of the procedure is \$1,100.00 plus the cost of the anaesthetist (as above).

For those patients who have private health insurance, the Caps Clinic will inform you on the day of the procedure what your payment will be. It will vary depending on your health fund and level of cover. We have been advised the amount will be between \$320.00 and \$380.00.

Please contact the Caps Clinic (02 6282 1155) or your health fund for further information.

## **Cancelled Procedures**

For a cancelled Insemination (AIH/AID), IVF, IVF/ICSI and FET procedure any prepayment that has been made 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 your cancelled cycle and you will not incur any costs.

## Section 3

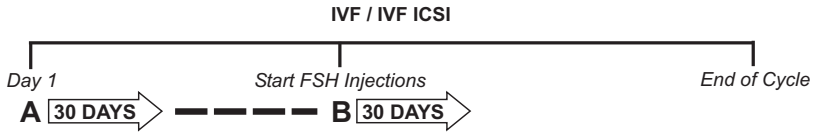
### Testing performed outside Canberra Fertility Centre

In some instances blood tests and/or ultrasound scans need to be performed by outside providers. This will most likely be the case if you live outside the ACT. Outside service providers often charge higher prices than those charged by the Canberra Fertility Centre. If you are having ovulation tracking or other procedures not involving a global item number then you are responsible for the full charge. If your procedure is covered by a global item number (IVF/FET/Insemination) then the Canberra Fertility Centre will pay a proportion of the fee and you are responsible for any balance. 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 1.

**Table 1**

<b>Contribution by Canberra Fertility Centre to the cost of Outside provider services for global item number procedures.</b>		
<b>Medicare ITEM NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>CANBERRA FERTILITY CENTRE CONTRIBUTION (\$)</b>
55733	Follicle Watch Ultrasound	29.75
66695	Blood test of one hormone level	26.10
66698	Blood test of two hormone levels	37.40
66701	Blood test of three hormone levels	48.75
66704	Blood test of four hormone levels	60.05
66707	Blood test of five hormone levels	71.35
73529	Blood test for Pregnancy hormone	24.55
73907	PEI – Patient episode initiation	Will vary depending on cycle billing type.

## EXTERNAL PATIENTS AND THE MEDICARE 30 DAY GLOBAL RULE



**A** Day 1 of the Medicare 30 Day Global Rule begins at **A** and goes for 30 days.  
**B** If you start your FSH injections, the 30 days will move and start at **B**.  
*Patients are responsible for full payment of blood test or ultrasounds done outside the 30 days and not performed at the Canberra Fertility Centre.*

### Artificial Insemination – Frozen Embryo Cycle – IVF or IVF ICSI



- During the 30 Days the patient is responsible for the payment of any gap\*.  
*\*The gap is the difference between the external pathology charges for any blood test or ultrasound, and the Canberra Fertility Centre charges.  
 This gap is not refundable from Medicare.*

## Section 4

The fees listed in this booklet are correct at 1 January 2010 and are subject to change without notice. However, we will discuss fees with prospective patients before commencing any procedures.

# CANBERRA FERTILITY CENTRE

## List of information brochures

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## 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](http://www.nhmrc.gov.au) – Ethical Guidelines

Parentage Act 2004 – Legal Issues

[www.dcsq.org.au](http://www.dcsq.org.au)

[www.xyandme.com](http://www.xyandme.com)

[www.dcnetwork.org](http://www.dcnetwork.org)

These three have DVDs and books for adults and children.

