

Shared IVF Success Program Agreement



When patients have limited insurance coverage, the financial burden of paying for assisted reproductive technologies can be challenging. This is especially so if more than one cycle is required to achieve pregnancy. We understand this stress and have developed the Shared IVF Success Program (SISP) to make therapy more affordable and costs more predictable.

InVia Fertility Specialists is pleased to offer a “100% guarantee” pricing option for in vitro fertilization (IVF) as an alternative to traditional fee-for-service. Couples who qualify for this program have the option of undergoing up to three IVF cycles over a one-year period. Whereas, we can never guarantee a successful outcome, this program limits the financial risk for the couple if a live birth is not achieved. The financial risk is therefore shared between the clinic and the couple.

INVIA FERTILITY SPECIALISTS is offering its SISP in accordance with the opinion of the Ethics committee of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine in the fall of 1998. According to the Ethics Committee, such programs are acceptable as long as patients are fully aware of the advantages and disadvantages of the program, including the likelihood of success, potential costs that are not covered, and that no unnecessary risks are taken with patients to assure higher pregnancy rates.

SSIP Eligibility

To be eligible for the SISP, the female must be 37 years of age or younger at the time of enrollment and have normal ovarian reserve. This assessment is reached through the following assessments:

- Normal day-3 FSH and Estradiol level
- Normal Clomiphene citrate challenge test (CCCT)
- Both ovaries must have a combined antral follicle count ≥ 10
- The smaller ovary must have a volume ≥ 3 cc

Other eligibility criteria include:

- The female must be a non-smoker or if the smoker has quit entirely by 30 days prior to start of stimulation medications. The cessation may be documented with urine and/or blood testing
- The uterine cavity must be normal. A hysterosalpingogram or a hysterosonogram will be utilized for this assessment
- Women that have a Body Mass Index ≥ 30 are not eligible
- Women that have a day-3 FSH level ≥ 10 mIU/mL or a day-10 FSH level ≥ 10 mIU/mL during a CCCT are not eligible
- Women with a day-3 Estradiol level ≥ 75 pg/mL are not eligible
- Women with hydrosalpinx are not eligible. If they have the hydrosalpinx surgically removed, they could possibly qualify
- History of two failed (or more) IVF attempts (including cancelled stimulation attempts) are not eligible
- Couples with two or more previous miscarriages are not eligible.
- The male partner must have a current semen analysis with a minimum of 1,000 motile sperm in his ejaculate
- The couple must agree to transfer a minimum of two embryos and agree to allow the embryology team to decide on transfer stage of embryos

SSIP Terms

If after up to 3 completed IVF cycles, no pregnancy has resulted (and all available cryo-preserved embryos have been transferred), a 100% refund will be made to the couple, given the couple doesn't have any previous balances owed to the clinic.

A completed cycle includes controlled ovarian hyperstimulation, oocyte retrieval and embryo transfer.

After each completed IVF cycle, the couple and physician will meet and determine the appropriateness of proceeding with a repeat attempt. Patients who do not achieve a viable pregnancy after the first or second attempt will be recommended a repeat cycle. There are those occasions when this would not be recommended. These include inadequate ovarian response to stimulation, poor egg or embryo quality. Before another fresh cycle can be attempted, all available cryo-preserved embryos, if any, must be utilized.

In Via Fertility Specialists reserves the right to terminate the Shared IVF Success Program at any time and refund the couple's money.

All 3 IVF cycles must be completed within a 12-month period.

You are free at any point to withdraw from any of the SISPs you select and such decision will not affect your future care at INVIA FERTILITY SPECIALISTS. Once you have started a treatment under a SISP and you choose to terminate it or a cycle has to be canceled as a consequence of your actions, you will be refunded program costs minus accumulated treatment expenses at INVIA FERTILITY SPECIALISTS' standard fee schedule. If a treatment is canceled for medical reasons, you will still be eligible for a refund. If, by chance, you conceive spontaneously after starting treatment under a SISP, you will be refunded program costs minus accumulated treatment expenses at INVIA FERTILITY SPECIALISTS' standard fee schedule.

Costs

There are two types of SISPs:

1. The cost for the SISP is \$18,000 - if the end-point is a viable ongoing pregnancy. This is when the patient is being referred to her Ob/Gyn physician (usually at 10 – 12 weeks of pregnancy) for her obstetrical care. At this stage there is only a small chance of miscarriage.
2. To extend the guarantee to a “live-birth’ the cost is \$24,000 -. This amount is to be paid in full prior to starting the first cycle. The full amount is held in escrow until a pregnancy at 12 weeks gestation is achieved and then is transferred to INVIA FERTILITY SPECIALISTS’ account. This applies to all SISPs offered.

Services included:

- Oocyte retrieval
- Embryo transfer
- ICSI and or Assisted Zona Hatching if needed
- Embryo cryo-preservation and storage of cryo-preserved embryos until pregnancy is achieved

Services excluded:

- Initial consultation
- Pre-testing
- Any surgical procedures required e.g. laparoscopy or hysteroscopy
- Medication costs
- Costs of contracted services (e.g. anesthesia)
- Complications resulting from testing or pregnancy (e.g. Ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome, ectopic pregnancy)
- Early pregnancy monitoring

In patients with insurance coverage, we will bill your insurance company for cycle monitoring. Otherwise, you will be financially responsible for the services. Once pregnancy (or live birth, as the case may be) is achieved, any future cycles with cryo-preserved embryos are not

included. In these patients, routine embryo storage fees will be charged (currently \$50 - per month billed quarterly).

Agreement Signatures

We have read the information in this agreement regarding InVia Fertility Specialists Shared IVF Success Program (SISP). All of our questions regarding this program have been answered satisfactorily. We fully understand the advantages and disadvantages of such a program and have decided, after considering advantages and disadvantages to participate in the following SSIP:

(Choose one option only)

_____patient _____partner: \$18,000 SISP. We understand this is for 12 weeks gestation guarantee only.

_____patient _____partner: \$24,000 SISP. We understand this is for a live birth.

All parties involved must sign below

_____ Patient Name (Print)	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Partner Name (Print)	_____ Signature	_____ Date
_____ Physician (Print)	_____ Signature	_____ Date