

## Shared IVF Success Donor Oocyte 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 Donor Oocyte Program (SISDOP) to make therapy more affordable and costs more predictable.

InVia Fertility Specialists is pleased to offer a “100% guarantee” pricing option for donor oocyte cycles as an alternative to traditional fee-for-service. Couples who qualify for this program have the option of undergoing up to three donor oocyte cycles over a two-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 SISDOP 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.

## SISDOP Eligibility

To be eligible for the SISDOP, the female must be 48 years of age or younger at the time of enrollment. The following are the inclusion and exclusion criteria:

- There must be an indication for the utilization donor oocytes (eg. Diminished ovarian reserve, premature ovarian failure).
- The female must be a non-smoker or if previously a smoker or must have discontinued smoking 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 with a body mass index  $\geq 35$  are not eligible.
- Women with hydrosalpinx are not eligible. If they have the hydrosalpinx surgically removed, then qualification will be at the discretion of their physician.
- Couples with two or more previous miscarriages may not be 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 the transfer stage of the embryos.
- The couple must successfully undergo psychological screening prior to being accepted in the program. They may be disqualified based on the opinion of the mental health professional.

## SISDOP Terms

If after up to 3 completed donor oocyte 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 does not have any previous balances owed to the clinic.

A completed donor oocyte cycle includes initial donor screening, controlled ovarian hyperstimulation, oocyte retrieval followed by embryo transfer in the recipient.

After each completed donor oocyte cycle, the couple and physician 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. Before another fresh cycle can be attempted, all available cryo-preserved embryos, if any, must be utilized.

INVIA FERTILITY SPECIALISTS reserves the right to terminate the SISDOP at any time and refund the couple's money.

All 3 donor oocyte cycles must be completed within a 24-month period.

You are free at any point to withdraw from any of the SISDOPs you select and such a decision will not affect your future care at InVia Fertility Specialists. Once you have started a treatment under a SISDOP and you choose to desert 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 still will be eligible for a refund. If, by chance, you achieve pregnancy spontaneously once you have started treatment under the SISDOP, you will be refunded program costs minus accumulated treatment expenses at INVIA FERTILITY SPECIALISTS' standard fee schedule.

### **Costs**

There are two types of SISDOPs:

1. The cost for the SISDOP is \$24,000 - 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 \$30,000 -. This amount is to be paid in full prior to starting the first cycle.

**Costs** continued.

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 SISDOPs offered.

3. There are additional (non-refundable) costs associated with the SISDOPs. Your out-of-pocket costs may therefore be significantly higher. These additional costs currently are the following: donor compensation fee of \$7,000 per fresh IVF cycle- administrative fee of \$3,000, donor insurance fee of \$615 per fresh IVF cycle and donor testing fee of approximately \$2,000. If a donor is rejected during testing, the costs incurred are non-refundable.
4. Not all donor cycles result in extra embryos being available for cryo-preservation. You may therefore need to try another attempt with the same or different donor. In this case, you will once again be responsible for the associated additional (non-refundable) costs.

**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 of donor as well as the recipient couple
- Any surgical procedures required e.g. laparoscopy or hysteroscopy
- Medication costs for donor as well as recipient
- 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 a pregnancy (or a live

birth, if choosing this option) 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 Donor Oocyte Program (SISDOP). 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 SISDOP:

(Choose one option only)

\_\_\_\_\_patient \_\_\_\_\_partner: \$24,000 SISDOP. We understand this is for 12 weeks gestation guarantee only.

\_\_\_\_\_patient \_\_\_\_\_partner: \$30,000 SISDOP. We understand this is for a live birth.

All parties involved must sign below

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Patient Name (Print)

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Signature

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Date

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Partner Name (Print)

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Physician (Print)

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