



Fertility Preservation Process

For Women

The process begins with a consultation with one of our physicians, followed by intake lab work (hormonal and preconception lab testing). You will then meet with a nurse, who will outline the stimulation process, give you a treatment calendar and provide medication instruction.

When the targeted cycle starts, egg production will be stimulated with the fertility medications. Lab work and ultrasounds will be performed at our center to monitor egg growth. When appropriate, a final injection (a “trigger shot”) will be given to mature the eggs and ready them for retrieval. Thirty-six hours after the “trigger shot” the eggs will be retrieved vaginally under intravenous sedation. After the eggs are retrieved, the IVF laboratory will freeze the oocytes, or fertilize the oocytes and then freeze the embryos.

The oocytes and/or embryos are then stored for your future use.

We will make every effort to consolidate the cycle, so not to delay the onset of your cancer treatment.

The price for oocyte freezing is \$7,478, which does not include required prescreening or stimulation medication. Some of the cost of this procedure may be covered by your insurance. Some patients may qualify for free medications through Fertile Hope (www.fertilehope.org). Please contact our business office and ask to speak with Ann Blackman (713) 465-1211 Ext. 2628 or e-mail ablackman@houstonivf.net for more information about insurance coverage and financing options.

For more information or to schedule a consultation with one of our physicians, please call Susan Gibbons, RN, the oncofertility coordinator, at 713-465-1211 Ext. 2618, or sgibbons@houstonivf.net.

For Men

Long term sperm banking in Houston is typically performed at Baylor College of Medicine’s Scott Department of Urology. They provide a full scope of services for collection, analysis, and long-term storage as needed.

Detailed information, procedures, and costs are provided by personal consultation. Please call 713-798-9139 to discuss any questions or concerns you may have.

Please call the appointment desk to make an appointment for sperm banking at 713-798-4001.

Office hours for sperm banking are Monday - Friday between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.