



Public Fertility Care

Public Fertility Care makes parenthood possible for more Victorians, ask your GP for a referral.

Until now, fertility services have been out of reach for many Victorians wanting to try for a family. Public Fertility Care is here to make fertility assessments and treatments – like IVF – affordable and easier to access for more Victorians.

To access Public Fertility Care, speak to your GP or relevant specialist about a referral. The cost of care will be free, but there may be some out-of-pocket costs for medication and specialist tests if required.

This service could help if you:

- need fertility support but it's financially out of reach
- live in rural and regional areas in Victoria
- need donor services or altruistic surrogacy support, such as LGBTIQ+ and single people
- need fertility preservation due to medical treatment, such as people with cancer and people undergoing gender affirming treatment
- need genetic testing because you're a known carrier of medical conditions that may pose a threat to the life of your child.

Eligibility

To be eligible for Public Fertility Care, you must:

- be a current resident in Victoria
- hold a Medicare card
- have a referral from a GP or specialist.

The clinical access criteria are:

- You must be aged 42 years or younger, using your own eggs, or less than 51 years and seeking to use donor eggs (the donor eggs must be 42 years or younger at the time of collection).
- There is a maximum of 2 treatment cycles per person per lifetime. This is to ensure Victorians experiencing infertility have a fair chance of creating a family through the public service.

The clinical criteria are designed to provide Victorians with fair and equitable access to Public Fertility Care. They are based on research and clinical best practice.

Cost

Treatments are free for those who meet the eligibility criteria for Public Fertility Care. There may be out-of-pocket costs for certain items and services including, but not limited to, medication, diagnostics, and specialised tests.

How to access

If you are interested in Public Fertility Care, speak to your GP or relevant specialist about a referral. If you are eligible, you will be referred to a [fertility specialist](#) at one of the participating health services.

Types of services

Public Fertility Care services include:

- intrauterine insemination, [IVF and intra-cytoplasmic sperm injection](#) (ICSI) treatment cycles
- less invasive fertility treatments before IVF or ICSI treatment
- pre-treatment testing, counselling and fertility information
- donor services, supported by the establishment of Australia's first public egg and sperm bank
- altruistic surrogacy support
- fertility preservation where medical treatment may compromise fertility, including cancer treatment and gender affirming treatment
- genetic testing for people who are known carriers of serious medical conditions.

The Royal Women's Hospital is partnering with health services across the state to provide Victorians with a range of fertility care services closer to home (such as fertility consultations, diagnostic tests, and ultrasounds). The exact range of services available will differ between health services, and patients are supported by telehealth where appropriate.

To find out what health services are available near you, visit the provider website:

- [Royal Women's Hospital](#)
- [Monash Health](#)
- [Mercy Health](#)
- [Northern Health – Epping Hospital](#)
- [Mildura Base Public Hospital](#)
- [Bendigo Health](#)
- [South West Healthcare – Warrnambool](#)
- [Barwon Health – Geelong](#)
- [Goulburn Valley Health – Shepparton](#)
- [Grampians Health – Ballarat](#)
- [Western Health – Sunshine](#)