



CANBERRA FERTILITY CENTRE

IVF & FET SURROGACY PROCEDURES

EXPLANATION OF FEES

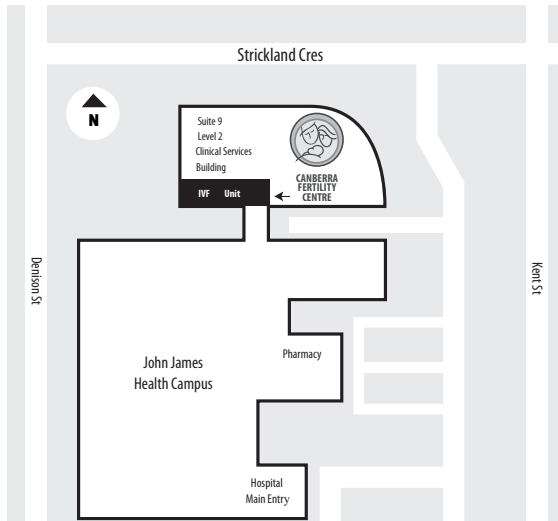


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IVF and FET for Surrogacy Procedures

Introduction

There are three stages to a Surrogacy Arrangement. This handout covers the estimated costs involved in all these stages.

- > **Stage 1** involves the preparation and submission of an application for surrogacy. Surrogacy can only proceed once this application is accepted.
- > **Stage 2** involves an IVF Procedure and the freezing of subsequent embryos.
- > **Stage 3** involves the thawing and transfer of these embryos to the surrogate.

Medicare Benefits Not Applicable For Surrogacy Procedures

Although surrogacy arrangements have legal standing in the ACT, the Commonwealth Government which administers the Medicare scheme specifically prohibits the payment of Medicare Benefits for IVF services which are provided in conjunction with a surrogacy arrangement. Consequently IVF-Surrogacy involves considerable out-of-pocket expenses.

This handout has been designed to explain the source of these expenses and give patients an estimate of the approximate amounts involved. The amounts have been calculated as the average cost per treatment. An individual patient's account is dependent upon the actual treatment received and therefore may differ from the average shown in this handout.

Private Fund Benefits

Private fund benefit may apply to the laparoscopy procedure item number 35637 and the day surgery expenses. Please check with your fund for eligibility.

Travel and Accommodation

Some allowance must be made for travel to and accommodation in the ACT for all the adults required for the Stage 1 interviews. An overnight stay is generally all that is required. The interview process is usually from 9.30am and generally takes 4 hours. Both interviews occur concurrently and a booking is required, allowing discount advance purchase airfares to be investigated. Allow for at least 3 nights accommodation for all those who will need to attend the Stage 2 IVF procedure, and at least overnight accommodation for those attending the Stage 3 embryo transfer procedure. It is often not possible to take advantage of pre-purchase discounts for airfares, so allowance for at least full-fare economy fares may have to be made. Also if blood and ultrasound testing facilities are not available/affordable in your area, you may need to allow for a longer period of stay in Canberra to have all testing performed at the Canberra Fertility Centre.

Stage 1: Expenses

These are the expenses incurred in the preparation. Reports from the following professionals are needed:

- a) Independent gynaecologist in your home state.
- b) Independent clinical psychologist in your home state.
- c) Legal opinion from a lawyer specialising in family law in your home state.

These professionals will bill you independently for their services. As we are unable to estimate what these reports will cost it is your responsibility to find out what these expenses are before undertaking them. Once these reports are received it is necessary for all parties (including the partner of the intended surrogate) to see the Surrogacy Specialist and the clinic counsellor. These fees are outlined in Table 1.

Table 1 – Preparation and Consultation Fees for Surrogacy

DESCRIPTION	FEE (Inc GST)	BILLED BY:
Medical Consultation of each couple with Surrogacy Specialist	Speak to Specialist	Surrogacy Specialist ¹
Consultation with Clinic Counsellor	\$1,100.00	Canberra Fertility Centre ²
Preparation of application	\$2,200.00	Canberra Fertility Centre ²
Ethics Committee Submission Fee	\$440.00	Canberra Fertility Centre ²
Total to Canberra Fertility Centre	\$3,740.00	

¹ Billed by The Surrogacy Specialist's Rooms.

² These accounts must be paid at the time of consultation.

Stage 2: Expenses

These are the expenses incurred in the collection, fertilisation, and storage of your embryos. Many different health professionals are involved in the Stage 2 procedures and each will bill separately for their respective services. You will receive accounts from the following sources:

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

The exact nature of the account will depend on the procedure undertaken, the amount of medications used and the length of stay in hospital.

Stage 2: Surrogacy Fees from Gynaecologist/Canberra Fertility Centre

This section covers the **expected** costs from your gynaecologist/Canberra Fertility Centre for Stage 2 expenses. Tables 2 and 3 detail these fees and the Medicare item numbers used. Please be aware that the gap expense on your account may differ depending on the extent of extra services used as outlined in Table 6.

Table 2: IVF/Surrogacy Procedures

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEE (\$)	GAP EXPENSE(\$)
	IVF procedure ¹	5,333.25	5,333.25
	Planning & Management	500.00	500.00
35637 ²	Oocyte Retrieval	391.25	391.25
	Freezing	750.00	750.00
TOTAL		6,974.50	6,974.50

¹ For ICSI add \$522.50 to prepayment. Includes the cost of embryo freezing. A rebate of \$750.00 will apply if embryos are not frozen.

² Includes a refund of \$97.80 from your private health fund. If you do not have private health cover or are not eligible for this refund then this amount will increase the gap expense. Contact your fund to confirm your eligibility.

Stage 2: Surrogacy Pre-Payment

A pre-payment of **\$6,974.50** (or \$7,497 if using ICSI) must be paid **in full** before commencing Stage 2 treatment. Please pay this amount to the Canberra Fertility Centre before your cycle starts. An ideal time is at the paper signing appointment.

Stage 2: Surrogacy Anaesthetist Fees – Invoice will be mailed to you

The fees charged range up to \$600.00 and a Medicare rebate will apply. Please speak to 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.

Stage 2: Surrogacy CAPS Clinic Fees – Payable on the day

Oocyte (egg) collection procedures, performed at the Caps Clinic will incur a fee. This fee will vary depending on whether the patient has 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 approximately \$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.

Stage 2 Lap Pick Up

An extra doctor's fee will apply when a laparoscopic oocyte retrieval is performed. Please check with your specialist's rooms regarding this fee.

Stage 2: Cancelled IVF for Surrogacy Cycle Fees

An IVF treatment cycle is considered "cancelled" if an egg collection procedure does not take place. The cost of a cancelled IVF for Surrogacy cycle will vary depending upon how many blood and ultrasound tests have been performed, and if any medications have been used. An account will be issued for the cost of any blood and ultrasound tests performed at the Canberra Fertility Centre and will include the fee for planning and management of a cancelled IVF for Surrogacy cycle (see Table 3 below). This amount will be deducted from any pre-payment that has been made. Please pay any outstanding balance to the Canberra Fertility Centre to finalise the account. A positive account balance may be used for future treatments or a refund requested (proof of identity required). Tests performed elsewhere will need to be settled with the relevant providers.

Table 3: Cancelled IVF for Surrogacy Procedures

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEE (\$)
	Planning & Management (Cancelled IVF for Surrogacy Cycle)	500.00
TOTAL		500.00

Stage 3: Expenses

This section describes the expected costs associated with the thawing and transfer of stored embryos (FET) which is Stage 3 of a surrogacy arrangement.

Stage 3: Surrogacy Fees from Gynaecologist/Canberra Fertility Centre

Table 4 details the **expected** costs from your gynaecologist/Canberra Fertility Centre.

Table 4: Basic Frozen Embryo Transfer for Surrogacy Procedures

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEE (\$)	EXPECTED REBATE (\$)	GAP EXPENSE(\$)
	FET procedure	1,700.00	Nil	1,700.00
	Planning & Management	500.00	Nil	500.00
TOTAL		2,200.00	Nil	2,200.00

Stage 3: Surrogacy Pre-Payment

A pre-payment of **\$2,200.00** must be paid **in full** before commencing Stage 3 treatment. Please pay this amount to the Canberra Fertility Centre before your surrogate is due to commence the embryo transfer cycle. An ideal time is at the paper signing appointment. The balance of the account is rendered at the completion of treatment and is due within 30 days of that time. Please refer to the handout entitled Cancelled IVF/FET Surrogacy Procedures for details when the treatment is cancelled.

Stage 3: Cancelled FET for Surrogacy Cycle Fees

A FET treatment cycle is considered “cancelled” if an embryo transfer does not take place. The cost of a cancelled FET for Surrogacy cycle will vary depending upon how many blood and ultrasound tests have been performed, and if any medications have been used. An account will be issued for the cost of any blood and ultrasound tests performed at the Canberra Fertility Centre and will include the fee for planning and management of a cancelled FET for Surrogacy cycle (see Table 5 below). This amount will be deducted from any pre-payment that has been made. Please pay any outstanding balance to the Canberra Fertility Centre to finalise the account. A positive account balance may be used for future treatments or a refund requested (proof of identity required). Tests performed elsewhere will need to be settled with the relevant providers.

Table 5: Cancelled FET for Surrogacy Procedures

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	FEE (\$)
	Planning & Management (Cancelled FET for Surrogacy Cycle)	200.00
TOTAL		200.00

Payment of Accounts

All payments need to be paid prior to commencement of treatment. A statement will be issued by the Canberra Fertility Centre and the end of the procedure. All payment cheques can be mailed to the address below or paid by credit card over the phone on the number quoted below.

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

Refer to Table 6 for details of costs.

a) Lucrin/Synarel/Progesterone Pessaries/Crinone

These drugs are often required for IVF treatments. Lucrin, Synarel, Progesterone Pessaries, Crinone, Cetrotide and Orgalutran must be paid for at the time of collection of the medication. See Table 6 for prices.

b) Puregon/Gonal F/hCG/Pregnyl

These drugs will be required for the IVF procedure. You may be eligible to obtain these drugs by prescription. Please discuss this with your gynaecologist. The expected cost if not available by prescription is in the range \$600.00 to \$3000.00. Note the price indicated in Table 6 may vary if the drugs are obtained interstate or from a pharmacy.

c) Embryo Freezing

The cost of embryo freezing is \$750.00 and has been included in the cycle prepayment. This fee includes the cost of freezing and ongoing storage for the period outlined in the "Cryopreservation and Storage of Embryos" consent form. This fee is refunded if there are no embryos available for freezing.

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) Assisted Hatching

If you have elected to use Assisted Hatching the cost is included in the cycle prepayment.

f) Blastocyst Culture

If you have elected to use Blastocyst Culture the cost is included in the cycle prepayment.

g) Semen freezing

If your partner is going to be unavailable during the treatment then the cost of freezing and storage of a sperm sample is \$750.00. This includes all ongoing storage for the period outlined in the "Cryopreservation and Storage of Semen" consent form.

Table 6: Extra Costs

ITEM DESCRIPTION	COST (\$)	WHEN PAID
Cetrotide 3mg ampoule	545.00	At time of collection of medication
Cetrotide 250µg	79.00	At time of collection of medication
Orgalutran	77.00	At time of collection of medication
Progesterone Pessary 200mg x 15	85.00	At time of collection of medication
Crinone 8% x 1	12.50	At time of collection of medication
Synarel	143.00	At time of collection of medication
Lucrin	225.00	At time of collection of medication
Puregon Cartridge 300IU	200.00	At time of collection of medication
Puregon Cartridge 600IU	400.00	At time of collection of medication
Gonal F Pen 300IU	210.00	At time of collection of medication
Gonal F Pen 450IU	315.00	At time of collection of medication
Gonal F Pen 900IU	630.00	At time of collection of medication
Ovidrel	75.00	At time of collection of medication
Embryo Freezing	750.00	Paid at commencement of cycle as part of prepayment
ICSI (Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection)	522.50	Paid at commencement of cycle as part of prepayment
Semen freezing	750.00	At time of collection of sample

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/surrounding NSW. Outside service providers often charge higher prices than those charged by the Canberra Fertility Centre. For surrogacy procedures a prepayment is made to the Canberra Fertility Centre. The Canberra Fertility Centre will pay a proportion of the fee incurred for tests performed at another centre 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 7.

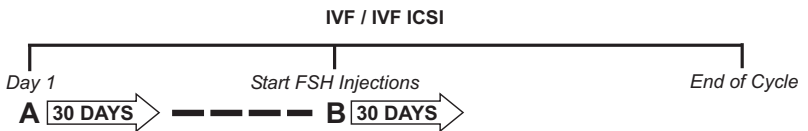
Table 7: Contribution by Canberra Fertility Centre to the cost of Outside provider services for Surrogacy Procedures.

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	CANBERRA FERTILITY CENTRE CONTRIBUTION (\$)
55733	Follicle Watch Ultrasound	33.25
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.

Disclaimer

The fees listed in this booklet are correct as at 1 January 2011 and are subject to change without notice. However, we will discuss fees with prospective patients before commencing any procedures.

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.

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List of information books

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SURROGACY INFORMATION BOOKLET

Websites

The following websites contain helpful information:

www.nhmrc.gov.au – Ethical Guidelines

[Parentage Act 2004 – Legal Issues](#)

www.dcsq.org.au

www.xyandme.com

www.dcnetwork.org

These three have DVDs and books for adults and children.

