



Assisted Conception Clinic

Guide to Fees OI/IUI IVF/ICSI FET

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Introduction

Despite Medicare funding, all Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) Services such as insemination, OI/IUI, IVF, ICSI and FET procedures still bear out-of-pocket or 'gap' expenses for the patient. Complex treatments such as these involve the services of many different health professionals. These professionals will bill separately for their respective services so you may receive accounts from the following sources:

(a) Fertility East (b) Your Anaesthetist (c) Eastern Suburbs Endoscopy Clinic

An individual patient's account is dependent upon the actual treatment received, whether any complications arise during treatment and the level of cover from your particular health fund. The exact nature of the account will depend on the procedure undertaken, the amount of medications used and the length of stay in hospital.

The Medicare rebate for Insemination (AIH/AID), IVF, ICSI and FET procedures is provided under global item numbers 13203/13200/13201/13218. These global item numbers cover the laboratory-based aspects of the treatment. The fee associated with these items applies irrespective of the outcome of the treatment procedure, including whether insemination, fertilisation or embryo transfer occurs, or whether 1 test (blood test or ultrasound) or many tests were performed during the treatment.

The estimated out-of-pocket expenses in this handout only apply if you are Medicare eligible. If you are not covered by Medicare please consult the staff at Fertility East who will give you another handout outlining your expenses.

Doctor Referrals

To receive the Medicare component of your invoice, you *must* have a current referral to your Specialist from your General Practitioner (GP) valid for 12 months or other Specialist valid for 3 months.

Please ensure your referral does not expire during your cycle. You will not be eligible for any Medicare funding once your referral has expired even if it was valid for the first week of treatment. *It is your responsibility to maintain a current referral.* Once you have seen your specialist please notify Fertility East to discuss possible starting dates.

Safety Net

Medicare provides a Safety Net program for all Australian Residents, whereby once a patient surpasses the out-of-pocket expense threshold in a calendar year a portion of these out-of-pocket expenses will be rebated to the patient. The Safety Net threshold is indexed to the CPI and is \$1126.00 at 1st January 2010. Please contact Medicare on 132011 for further details or consult the Health Insurance Commission website www.hic.gov.au and follow the links to Medicare Plus. Medicare requires proof of payment for all out-of-pocket expenses before they can process safety net claims. *Please retain copies of all accounts and receipts you receive from Fertility East.*

Pre-Payment

A pre-payment system operates at Fertility East, whereby the basic out-of-pocket cost of the procedure/cycle is paid before treatment commences. Please see the amount highlighted in blue - 'first day fee' - relevant to your cycle and pay this before your cycle starts. The balance of the account is rendered at the completion of treatment and will include the cost of any extra services used. Please refer to the section on Cancelled Procedures for details relating to this situation.

Final Account

The final account has your pre-payment deducted and is awaiting the Medicare benefit component. Therefore, upon completion of your treatment, you will receive a tax invoice and claim forms to be sent to the Assessing and Benefits Section of Medicare Australia. The claim will be processed within approximately 4-6 weeks and you will receive a Medicare cheque made payable to Fertility Australia. This cheque must be received by Fertility East in order for the account to be fully paid and hence a zero balance receipt produced. This final receipt will enable Medicare to pay the Safety Net rebate to you, the patient.

STANDARD PROCEDURES

	Your 'First Day' fees	Your Out-of-Pocket cost after applying the Extended Medicare Safety Net rebate
Ovulation Tracking	No Charge	No Charge
Ovulation Induction (OI)	\$ 450	No Medicare rebate \$450
Intra-Uterine Insemination (IUI)	\$ 1,250	Between \$1,150.80 & \$1,120
Subsequent Intra-Uterine Insemination (IUI)	\$ 515	\$385.96
In-vitro Fertilisation (IVF)	\$ 3,600	Between \$1,995 & \$2,063
Subsequent In-vitro Fertilisation (IVF)	\$ 3,790	\$1,485
ICSI cycle* (Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection) <i>*Includes IVF procedure</i>	\$ 4,100	Between \$2,395 & \$2,463
Subsequent ICSI* cycle <i>*Includes IVF procedure</i>	\$ 4,290	\$1,885
Frozen Embryo Thawing & Replacement (FET)	\$ 1,600	Between \$895 & \$1,340.40

FURTHER OPTIONS

Extended (Blastocyst) Culture		No Charge
Donor Sperm (If required) De-identified or Known	\$ 375	No Medicare Rebate \$375
Donor Sperm (If required) De-identified Imported (see point 'e' page 6)		No Medicare Rebate Speak to Coordinator
Surgical Sperm Collection (If required) Item No: 37605 or 37606 Medicare Rebate: \$293.25	\$ 575	Out-of-Pocket \$281.75

DRUGS

Routine Non-Medicare drugs (Synarel, Lucrin, Ovidrel)		No Charge
GnRH Antagonist (If required)	\$ 500 (incl GST)	No Medicare Rebate \$500
Luveris (If required)	\$ POA (with IVF)	No Medicare Rebate \$POA
Progesterone (Pessaries or Gel)	\$ POA (with FET)	No Charge IVF/ICSI \$ POA FET

FREEZE & STORAGE

Embryo Cryostorage - Initial (If required) Freeze and up to 12 months storage. (\$150 per 6 months thereafter)	\$ 300 (incl GST)	No Medicare Rebate \$300
Semen Cryostorage - Initial (If required) Freeze and up to 12 months storage. (\$150 per 6 months thereafter)	\$ 300 (incl GST)	No Medicare Rebate \$300

Non IVF procedures

	FEE (\$)	MEDICARE REBATE	OUT OF POCKET
Ovulation Tracking	00.00	00.00	00.00

← FIRST DAY FEE

Ovulation tracking is a Bulk Billed service and attracts no Out-of-Pocket cost however a GP referral is required.

00.00

	FEE (\$)	MEDICARE REBATE	OUT OF POCKET
Ovulation Induction (OI)	450.00	00.00	450.00

← FIRST DAY FEE

There is no Medicare rebate. Please note drugs are required and your Fertility Specialist will provide you with a prescription.

450.00

Non IVF Insemination procedures

	FEE (\$)	MEDICARE REBATE	OUT OF POCKET
Initial Intrauterine Insemination (IUI)	1,749.80	499.80	1,250.00

← FIRST DAY FEE

Your Out-Of-Pocket cost after applying the Extended Medicare Safety Net rebate will be between

1,150.80 & 1,120.00

	FEE (\$)	MEDICARE REBATE	OUT OF POCKET
Subsequent Intrauterine Insemination (IUI)	1,014.80	499.80	515.00

← FIRST DAY FEE

Your Out-Of-Pocket cost after applying the Extended Medicare Safety Net rebate will be

385.96

Please note the following items attract NO REBATE:

- Donor sperm de-identified or known, cost of \$375 per straw.
- Imported donor sperm de-identified, speak to coordinator.

IVF procedures

Initial IVF Procedure	FEE (\$)	MEDICARE REBATE	OUT OF POCKET
	6,879.40	3,279.40	3,600.00

← FIRST DAY FEE

Your Out-Of-Pocket cost after applying the Extended Medicare Safety Net rebate will be between **2,063.00 & 1,995.00**

Subsequent IVF Procedure	FEE (\$)	MEDICARE REBATE	OUT OF POCKET
	6,879.40	3,089.40	3,790.00

← FIRST DAY FEE

Your Out-Of-Pocket cost after applying the Extended Medicare Safety Net rebate will be **1,485.00**

Initial ICSI Procedure (Includes IVF)	FEE (\$)	MEDICARE REBATE	OUT OF POCKET
	7,715.15	3,615.15	4,100.00

← FIRST DAY FEE

Your Out-Of-Pocket cost after applying the Extended Medicare Safety Net rebate will be between **2,463.00 & 2,395.00**

Subsequent ICSI Procedure (Includes IVF)	FEE (\$)	MEDICARE REBATE	OUT OF POCKET
	7,715.15	3,425.15	4,290.00

← FIRST DAY FEE

Your Out-Of-Pocket cost after applying the Extended Medicare Safety Net rebate will be **1,885.00**

Please note for IVF & ICSI procedures:

- Anaesthetic services will be additional, allow \$400-\$500 Medicare rebate is \$105.10.
- Day Surgery fees will be additional and will vary on your level of Health Fund cover.
- Freezing and storage of excess suitable embryos will be additional at \$300 for the first 12 months.
- Additional medication if required.

Standard Frozen Embryo Transfer (FET) Procedure	FEE (\$)	MEDICARE REBATE	OUT OF POCKET
	2,438.15	838.15	1,600.00

← FIRST DAY FEE

Your Out-Of-Pocket cost after applying the Extended Medicare Safety Net rebate will be between **1,340.40 & 895.00**

Please note: Progesterone supplementation (pessaries or gel) applies to FET procedures and is charged according to the amount ordered by your doctor.

Other Expenses

a) Drugs

Lucrin/Synarel/Progesterone Pessaries/Crinone

These drugs are often required for IVF treatments. Lucrin, Synarel until oocyte collection and Progesterone Pessaries or Crinone up to 12 days post oocyte retrieval (Day +12) are all included in the cost of Item 13200 - at no additional charge.

Cetrotide/Orgalutran

Cetrotide or Orgalutran (extra \$500 incl GST per treatment cycle) if used will be added to the treatment cost and is payable at the time of collection.

Luveris

Luveris (\$143 incl GST per injection) if used will be added to the treatment cost and is payable at a time before the trigger injection.

Progesterone Pessaries/Crinone

These items can be purchased separately. Progesterone Pessaries 200mg supplied in bottles of 15 @ \$85.00 and Crinone gel @ \$12.50 each. If pregnancy occurs, Progesterone Pessaries or Crinone may be required to be used until the end of the first trimester.

b) Embryo freezing - payment due on day of transfer

If you obtain extra embryos and you have elected to have them stored, the fee is \$300. This includes the cost of initial freezing and ongoing storage for 12 months. If you wish to continue storage thereafter, there will be an annual fee of \$300 for which you will receive an account. This is also outlined in the "Cryopreservation and Storage of Embryos" consent form. This initial storage fee will be included in Item 13200 in the final account. Payment of this fee is due at the time of embryo transfer.

c) ICSI (Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection)

If the ICSI technique is to be used the fee associated is \$500.00 (Medicare rebate applies). This fee forms part of the prepayment for the procedure and is refunded if the technique is not used.

d) Blastocyst Culture

NO CHARGE - If this is required, a separate fee does not apply.

e) Donor semen

If Donor Sperm is required for your treatment the costs associated with this option need to be discussed with your fertility specialist and also with Fertility East's sperm donor co ordinator.

f) 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 \$300.00. This includes all ongoing storage for the period outlined in the "Cryopreservation and Storage of Semen" consent form.

g) PESA, TESA, Testicular Biopsy, Surgical Sperm Collection

If a surgical method is required for collection of a sperm sample at the time of oocyte retrieval then a fee of \$575 (Medicare item Nos 37605 or 3706) will apply. This will be billed by the specialist performing the procedure. The specialist does not include the medical or hospital fees that may apply for this procedure. In cases where semen can be stored Fertility East will bill for additional freezing and storage charges.

h) Microsurgical Sperm Collection

This is a complex procedure performed as a day stay procedure usually at The Prince of Wales Private Hospital. Fees for this procedure should be discussed with your doctor but includes Surgeon's fees, Laboratory fees, anaesthetist's fees and Hospital fees.

Anaesthetist

Anaesthetic services are necessary for IVF / ICSI procedures and may be used in other procedures. The fees range from \$400 - \$500 and the Medicare rebate may vary, please ask 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.

Day Surgery - Eastern Suburbs Endoscopy Clinic

IVF, and ICSI oocyte (egg) collection procedures, performed at the Eastern Suburbs Endoscopy Clinic will incur a fee payable on the day. This fee will vary depending on whether you, the patient, have 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 \$750.00 plus the cost of the anaesthetist.

For those patients who have private health insurance, the Eastern Suburbs Endoscopy 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.

Please contact the Eastern Suburbs Endoscopy Clinic (02 9387 6600) or your health fund for further information.

Cancelled Procedures

For a cancelled Insemination (AIH/AID), IVF, ICSI or FET procedure any prepayment that has not been used will remain intact and you can use this in future treatments or request a refund (proof of identity required). *Fertility East will bulk bill Medicare for a cancelled cycle and you will not incur any costs if clinical events have not occurred.*

Testing Performed outside Fertility East

In some instances blood tests and/or ultrasound scans need to be performed by outside providers. Outside service providers often charge higher prices than those charged by Fertility East. If you are having ovulation tracking or other procedures not involving a global item number then you are responsible for the full charge. If your procedure is covered by a global item number (IVF/FET/Insemination) then Fertility East will pay a proportion of the fee and you are responsible for any balance. The proportion paid by Fertility East is the equivalent cost a patient would have incurred by having such tests performed at Fertility East.

Contribution by Fertility East to the cost of Outside provider services for global item number procedures.

Medicare ITEM No.	Description	Fertility East Contribution (\$)
55733	Follicle Watch Ultrasound	29.75
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.

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CLINIC HOURS

Monday to Friday - 8.00am to 4.30pm

Saturday - 9.00am to 1.00pm

All appointments

02 9389 1177

BLOOD COLLECTION HOURS

Monday to Friday - 8.00am to 9.30am

Saturday - 9.00am to 9.30am

No appointments necessary

Results Mon-Fri between 2pm and 3pm

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(or via lifts on level 6 of Westfield Shopping Centre)



- 1 minute walk from Bondi Junction Bus Terminal and Train Station
- 2hr free parking in Westfield

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