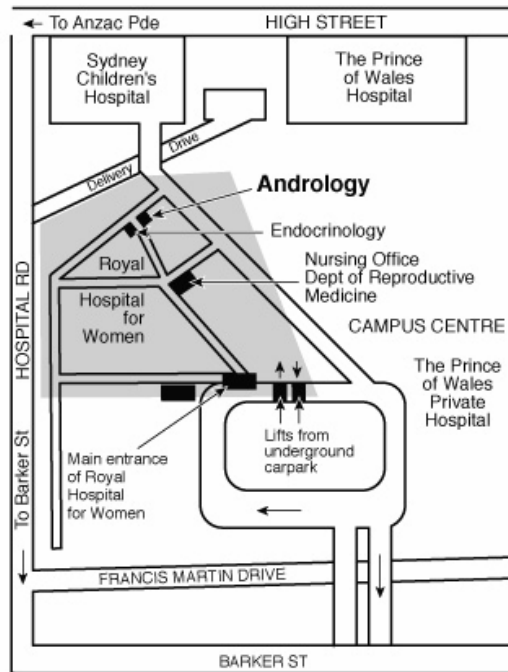


## How to get there...

- Walk through the main entrance of the Royal Hospital for Women and you will see 'Windscreen's Café'. Just to the right of the café there are 2 big glass doors, pass the first desk (Breastscreen).
- Go down the corridor towards the Department of Reproductive Medicine and you will see an office and a waiting area on your right side.
- Once you reach the Department of Reproductive Medicine please report to the nurse with your Medicare card and the referral letter from your GP for your appointment.



## DEPARTMENT OF REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE

## INVESTIGATIONS, RESULTS & TREATMENT COSTS



This leaflet is produced in response to the two most common questions asked about assisted conception – the costs and the success rates.

Infertility is a medical condition for which there are effective treatment options. Never before have Australian couples had better access to fertility treatment thanks to the support of the Federal Government and the Australian community.

The majority of fertility investigation costs are covered by Medicare. This includes fertility investigations for both partners (excluding SCSA for males).

### Investigations

FEMALE	MALE
Specialist consultation	Specialist consultation
Blood tests	Blood tests
Counselling	Counselling
HSG (x-ray of tubes)	Seminal analysis
Ultrasound	

### Additional Services (may be recommended)

FEMALE	MALE
Laparoscopy	Varicocelectomy
Surgical procedures	Testicular biopsy

### Medicare Card Holders

Bulk billed as public patient.

### Medicare Ineligible

Inpatients (per day)	\$860.00
Outpatient visit	\$100.00

### Factors Affecting Fertility

One in six couples of reproductive age in Australia has difficulty conceiving a child. Our clinic's attitude is to offer a conservative approach and suggest the most effective treatment options for couples to maximise their chance of conception.

The pregnancy success rate, sometimes described as the 'take home baby rate' will vary depending upon:

- Age
- Tubal patency
- Sperm quality
- Uterine abnormalities
- Hormonal balance
- Anovulation
- Weight and general health
- Polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS)
- Lifestyle

### Natural Conception

75% of couples aged 25 will conceive naturally in less than 6 months but by age 35-39 their chance of conception drops to 25%

### Pregnancy Rates on Treatments

#### Donor Insemination Programme (DI) 2006

Pregnancy rate per patient	60%
Pregnancy rate per cycle	22.2%

#### Intrauterine Insemination (IUI) with controlled ovarian stimulation using clomiphene citrate (Clomid or Serophene) 2006

Pregnancy rate per patient	28.8%
Pregnancy rate per cycle	14.6%

#### Intrauterine Insemination (IUI) with controlled ovarian stimulation using injections of gonadotrophins 2006

Pregnancy rate per patient	25.5%
Pregnancy rate per cycle	15%

All assisted reproductive treatment results in Australia are monitored by the National Perinatal Statistics Unit.