

Events This Month:

Embryology Lab Presentation
Online at www.sdfertility.com
"Mystery Behind the Microscope"
Request login info by email at
seminar@sdfertility.com

Free Internet Seminar Online
An educational seminar with our
fertility specialists ONLINE!
More info on our website or by
email at seminar@sdfertility.com

Free Group Injection Instructions
On Thursday Evenings at SDFC
Call for more information and to RSVP.

Education Topic of the Month:
Acupuncture and Fertility
Treatment
Visit our display in our patient education room
or ask about the program at the front desk.

+++ Telegram +++
The Health Information Resource
Center (HIRC), recognized our
website www.sdfertility.com the
Silver World Wide Web Health
Awards for Fall/Winter 2005 in the
category Patient Education Informa-
tion. We are very proud of re-
ceiving this award!

Quote of the Month:
"Dr. Hummel spends whatever
amount of time is needed to ex-
plain the procedures and options.
The staff is incredible!" Patient's com-
ment on a recent anonymous survey.

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articles in over past 40 issues in our
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Attractive Financial Options at San Diego Fertility Center

Many fertility patients are not that fortunate to be enrolled in an excellent medical insurance covering fertility treatment. Over the years, our Center has developed attractive financial options that try to alleviate this financial disadvantage for many couples. Our Success Guarantee program is a risk sharing program. The price covers both the fresh IVF cycle as well as all frozen embryo cycles produced as a result of the first fresh Cycle. You are refunded the appropriate percentage at the end of the complete cycle we are unsuccessful in achieving a healthy pregnancy. The Success Guarantee Program has clinical requirements, that patients must meet before this finance option is available to them. The other finance options offer cash discount pricing, which is available to all patients that have insufficient insurance coverage for their treatment cycle. Our IVF one cycle cash discount package is offered for a global fee of \$7,400, which includes required monitoring and treatment associated with one IVF cycle.

Our Multi-cycle cash discounted packages were created for patients who want the option of doing more than one IVF cycle at a discounted rate. The IVF two Cycle cash discount package is \$11,700 and the IVF three Cycle cash discount option is \$15,700. Our multi-cycle options enables patients to complete second or a third cycle respectfully, if the first IVF cycle is unsuccessful. These package prices do not include additional fees such as fertility medications, PGD, lab fees, like assisted hatching, ICSI, embryo freezing as well as anesthesia for egg retrieval or cost of frozen embryo transfer.

Our comprehensive fees avoid the confusion and extra cost of paying individual fees for each separate component of the complicated IVF process. To find out what is included in the cash discounted fees and other restrictions, please go to our website or call our finance specialist.

More Financial Aid for Cash Paying Patients

The alliance between the pharmaceutical company Serono and the fertility drug pharmacy Freedom Drug recently formed a new patient support service called FertilityAssist. This program was specifically designed to help cash-paying patients stay in treatment and increase their opportunity for successful treatment by making fertility medication more affordable.

FertilityAssist offers all Serono fertility medications free of charge to patients undergoing a third IVF cycle if they have not been successful after their prior two attempts, if they purchased Serono medication through Freedom Drug for their 1st and 2nd cycle. This program was created with the fact in mind that about 70% of couples who begin treatment eventually succeed in conceiving a child. The reality, however, is that it may take multiple treatment cycles before achieving a successful pregnancy. (see also our article "How many fertility treatment cycles are enough?", Miracle Newsletter, 2/2006). To be eligible, Serono's drug Gonal-f® must have been distributed by Freedom Drug Pharmacy for the patients' 1st and 2nd cycle. The pharmacy will track two prescriptions paid by a patient and notify that if a third cycle prescription is needed it would be provided by the pharmacy at no charge. Another requirement is the prescription for the third cycle must be filled within 18 months after the date the medication for the first cycle was ordered. For more information about the program, please go to www.fertilitylifelines.com or ask our staff.



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