

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 Tuesday Evenings at SDFC
Call for more information and to RSVP.

Education Topic of the Month:
Acupuncture supporting fertility treatment
Visit our display in our patient education room

Tip of the Month

If you are trying to conceive, put your waterbed and electric blanket in storage if you have one. Researchers at University of Rochester showed that men have an increased risk of infertility when sleeping on waterbeds or with an electric blanket due to increased temperatures. In addition, the electric field generated by an electric blanket may effect the normal function of a woman's ovaries and may cause female infertility.

Quote of the Month:

"That you have made one of our sweetest dreams come true seems to deserve more than a simple 'thanks'. We almost gave up after our first fertility experience. Fate is an amazing phenomenon! Thank goodness we met you! We want to thank you for such an easier experience this time around. You and your staff are truly amazing and will always be in our hearts."
Patient's thank you note after graduating.

Newsletter Subscription:

Receive our monthly email newsletter! Subscribe by sending an email to newsletter@sdfertility.com and read helpful tips and articles in over 30 previous issues in our archive at www.sdfertility.com/newsletterarchive.htm.

Choosing Surrogacy Program at SDFC

Because San Diego Fertility Center saw the need for gestational surrogacy increasing in recent years, we expanded the scope of our surrogacy program. Both Dr. Hummel and Dr. Kettel have extensive experience and report excellent success rates in this fertility option. We work together with all surrogate agencies in the US. Surrogacy success rates at SDFC currently are 80.5% clinical pregnancies per transfer.

Protocols are constantly changing and improving therefore we think that the clinical pregnancy rate per transfer most accurately reflects the current performance of our surrogacy program. Because we believe in our outstanding clinical expertise and pregnancy success statistics, we can offer a risk sharing financial option we call "Success Based-Risk Sharing Plan". This plan is based on the principles of mutual commitments. It requires certain entry criteria, which are likely to be met by couples choosing surrogacy because of the surrogate's ideal reproductive history. The program outcome is a birth of a live born child, or a refund. A couple's application is reviewed based on clearly defined entry criteria like hormone levels, sperm quality and age of the egg.

Some couples may find a surrogate who is a family member or friend, but the majority will take advantage of our national network of third party facilitators. We work with all major surrogate agencies and attorneys specialized in reproductive law and can recommend patients the best choices to find a surrogate. For patients who do not live in the San Diego area, we also provide a nurse practitioner dedicated to the formulation and coordination of your treatment plan. This has proven to be a very smooth process and cost effective for our patients. For more information about the surrogacy program and the success based-risk sharing plan go to our website.



We work with all major surrogate agencies to help patients find a surrogate.

Two Bright New Stars at San Diego Fertility Center

"The heart and soul of our practice has always centered around the wonderful people who help us make dreams come true at the San Diego Fertility Center," says Dr. Hummel. We focus on keeping the philosophy of "high-tech, high-touch" intact by surrounding our patients with caring professionals who can guide them through their journey of parenthood. We would like to welcome two bright new stars to the already all-star group of staff we have working together at SDFC.

Kelly Dei has joined the nursing core and will help facilitate and coordinate the treatment plans created by Dr. Hummel and Dr. Kettel. Her new position was created by the promotion of Carrie Cheshier to our Patient Liaison Coordinator. Carrie will now be readily available to streamline cycle coordination. Kelly graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a Bachelor of Science in Biology. She has seven years of experience with fertility patients from coast-to-coast. She adds a warm smile and quick wit to her experience. Catherine Mi has also just joined our embryology team. She will bring her knowledge and experience to our patients from her training at the California Polytechnic State University. Before joining SDFC, Catherine gained experience for two years in a biotech laboratory. Dr. Hummel and Dr. Kettel and the rest of the staff are delighted to have Kelly and Catherine join their winning team.