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Fertility problems: questions to ask your doctor

General questions

- Where will we go for our tests and treatment?
- Will we have to pay for fertility treatment? If so, how much is it likely to cost?
- How long will we have to wait to see a specialist?
- Will we be able to talk to counsellors or to other couples with fertility problems about our treatment?
- Who do we contact if we have any problems during our treatment?
- What are the treatment success rates (pregnancy and birth rates) of the hospital or clinic you are referring us to?

Questions for women

- What tests will I have?
- Are any of them uncomfortable or painful?
- What treatments are there for female infertility?
- What are the success rates?
- What are the side effects of the treatments I may have?
- Will I need to spend any time in hospital during my treatment?
- Will I need time off work or be unable to look after the home, play sport, drive a car, or do any other activities while I'm having this test or treatment?

Questions for men

- What tests will I have?
- Are any of them uncomfortable or painful?
- Will I be able to collect my semen sample at home, or will I need to go to the hospital clinic?

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- What treatments are there for male infertility?
- What are the success rates?
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