

# After Egg Collection

Reaching egg collection can feel like a big milestone in your IVF journey, however the next steps can vary significantly depending on your individual outcome and treatment plan. You will receive information specific to you from our nursing and scientific team but in general you can expect the following:

## All egg collection patients

- You will be advised of the number of egg(s) collected by your Doctor or the Embryologist during your procedure.
- You will have a chat with one of our nurses immediately after your collection when you have recovered from pain medications.
- Both of these take place in person in attendance of your egg collection.

## If you had eggs collected

- Your egg(s) are transported to the lab to place together with your sperm to allow fertilisation to occur.
- You can expect a call from an embryologist **the following day**, if you miss the call you can call back before 3:30pm, if you don't call back, Embryology will attempt another call the next day. On this call they will discuss with you what the eggs look like, if fertilisation could take place when creating embryos and if/when to expect another update.
- If you are freezing eggs you will get a call from the embryologist on the same day of egg collection advising how many eggs could be frozen.
- If you are having a transfer this will be booked with you by the embryologist at the time of the call.
- At your transfer the embryologist will provide you with a final update on any remaining embryos and whether any of these are able to be frozen.

## If you didn't get any eggs collected

- You will have a chat with one of our nurses immediately after your collection when you have recovered from pain medications.
- You will be offered;
  - to start another cycle on your next period
  - book an appointment with your treating doctor or;
  - take a break and we will touch base with you a week later.

## If embryos were not able to be created

- You can expect a call from an embryologist the following day, if you miss the call you can call back before 3:30pm or the embryologist will leave you a voicemail, if you do not call back the same day an embryologist will attempt another call the following day. On this call they will discuss with you the outcome and offer you to follow up with an appointment with your treating doctor.
- If you choose not to see the doctor again, you will receive a call from the nursing team within a week to discuss taking a break or starting a new cycle.

If any of the communications fall over a weekend, the team will attempt to call you once and then leave a general message. As we value work-life balance for our staff, we aim to reduce the amount of time required in the office or lab over the weekend.

We know it's hard to wait for news and so will do our best to contact you as promised, we also know the news is best delivered in person rather than via a text or voicemail so if we are unable to reach you via phone on the weekend we will leave a brief phone message where possible and call you with all the details on Monday. In the meantime if you want extra updates or more information you can call the clinic directly and we will put you in contact with the embryology team.