

Patient Testimonials

“ Thank you for your patience and understanding during our difficult months. We appreciate your hard work and compassion.”

“ Thank you for being so wonderful during our in vitro process. Having such a reliable and kind team to always be in contact with as we needed it made us much more comfortable and confident during the process.”

“Thank you for all your tedious work to make our dream come true.”

“Thank you for our little miracle!”

“Thank you for your extra efforts in working with me.”



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The Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at the University of Illinois College of Medicine is dedicated to providing state-of-the-art fertility treatments for couples who have been unable to achieve a successful pregnancy, and to advance our knowledge of reproductive disorders through ground-breaking translational research.

The Division consists of a nationally recognized physicians and scientists who are at the forefront of infertility evaluation and management and the understanding of reproductive disorders.

The Division's clinical research covers many aspects of infertility, including studies on assisted reproductive technology impact on couples with infertility and long term consequences of fertility medication on women's health. The Division also conducts molecular research on endometrial factors affecting embryo implantation.

This combination of clinical and research endeavors in the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility provides a unique opportunity to meet the needs of the most unique patients with reproductive issues.

The Division is seeking funding to promote studies in patients with infertility and to remain at the forefront of reproductive research.

If you have any questions in regards to donations please contact Brittany Laschober, Division Coordinator for the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at **(312) 355-0458** or fax **(312) 996-4238** .

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Clinical Research Projects in the UIC IVF Program

The University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) is constantly striving to improve patient care at an individual level. To achieve this we have analyzed the data from completed IVF treatment cycles in several ways in order to ensure that the best care and treatment approach is being offered to every patient. The results from our studies have been selected for presentation at national meetings and have led us to make important changes to patient treatment such as selection of ovarian stimulation protocols, requirement for the use of aspirin, number of embryos to transfer and regulation of thyroid hormone levels during IVF treatment and pregnancy. Please find below a list of our current research projects:

- 1) TSH level and thyroid antibody positivity effect on pregnancy outcomes in infertile women seeking in-vitro fertilization.
- 2) Ovarian tissue freezing for fertility preservation in women facing a fertility threatening medical diagnosis or treatment regimen: a study by the National Physician's Cooperative of the Oncofertility consortium at Northwestern University.
- 3) Fertility preservation decisions among young women with a life-threatening illness.
- 4) Egg freezing for medical and nonmedical indications.
- 5) National Cancer Institute's follow-up of patients who were treated with fertility drugs 30 years ago.
- 6) New Markers for ovarian cancer screening.
- 7) Molecular events associated with decidualization, a critical process for successful pregnancy.

Make a donation, make a difference.

Although we are part of a state institution, most of the funding for our research programs comes from grants, contracts, and private donors. If you are interested in supporting the research of the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, please forward your donation to:

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