



Success Rates, Risks and Guarantees

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- Dad through donor egg surrogacy
- 2 journeys – 3 years minus 3 weeks
- ORM Patient
- Same surrogate for both journeys
- One egg donation, ORM donor
- Writer and speaker on surrogacy and egg donation
- London-based – 6th time in Australia in 3 years





ORM Fertility

- CELEBRATING 30 YEARS of excellence in reproductive medicine
- Families in more than 30 countries
- One of the largest IVF clinics in the USA
- Among the largest and most successful donor egg and surrogacy IVF program in the US
- In-house egg donors
- Embryology clean-room laboratory
- In-house genomics team and lab
- Clinics in Portland and Seattle – offices in London, Shanghai, Tel Aviv



What Creates a Successful Journey?

Every Intended Parents' Shared Goals

**Safe and
Healthy**

Baby and Everyone Involved

**Legal
Security**

**Shortest
Timeline**

**Cost
Control**

**Minimum
Stress**

What and Who Will Influence Your Success

**Choice of
Jurisdiction**

**IVF
Clinic**

and Egg and Sperm

**Surrogacy
Agency**

and Ancillary Providers

**Pregnancy and
Delivery Care**

Luck



You Need Success 2 Times in the IVF Process

Embryo Creation

- **Creating all the embryos you will ever need to build your entire family**
- Embryo creation represents ca. 80% of the IVF related financial costs
- This success rate is not reported
- You can influence this aspect of success in your choice of donor

Embryo Transfer

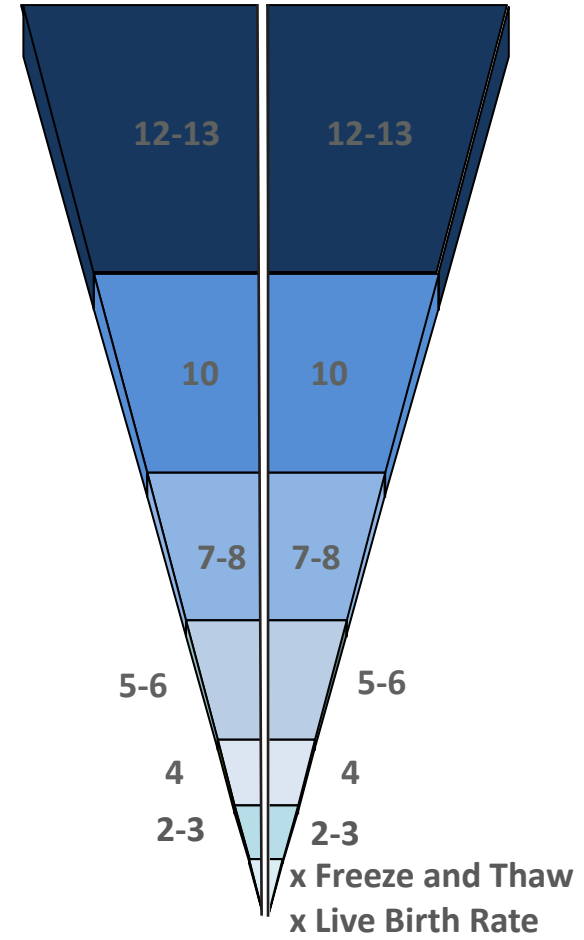
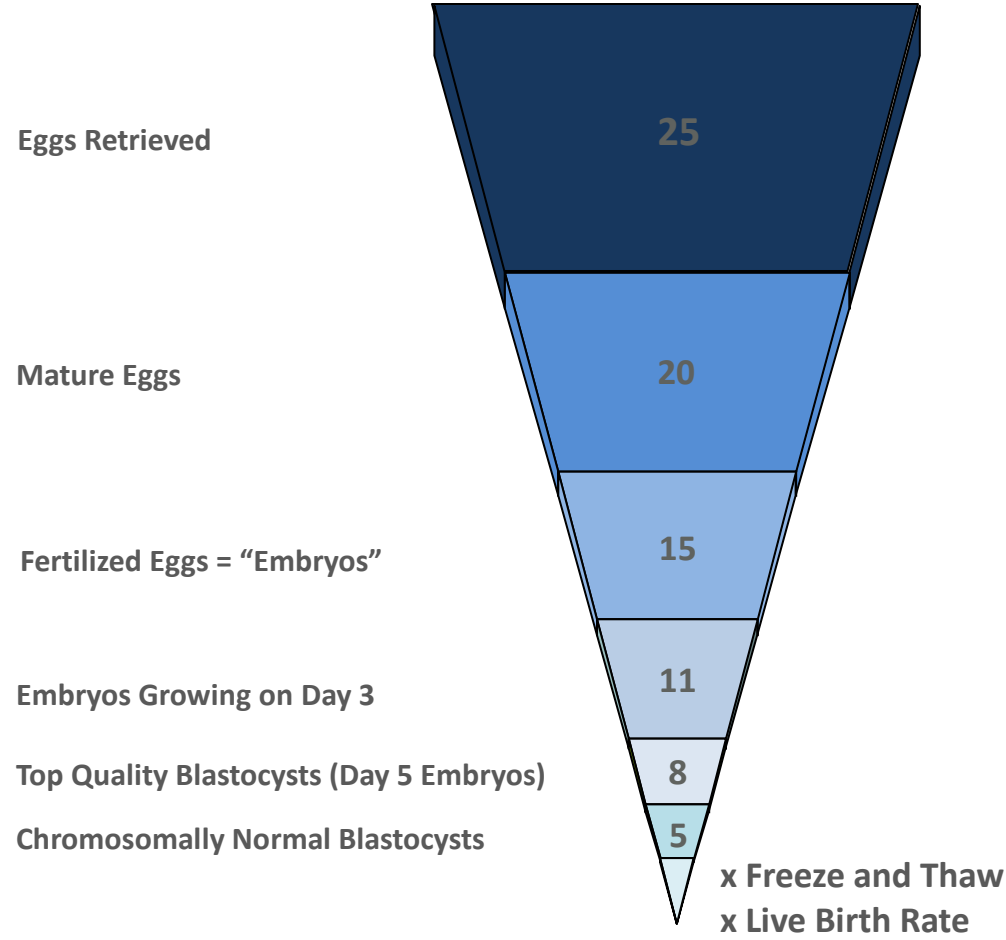
- **Best chance of achieving a live birth with each embryo transfer**
- There are added costs (financial, time and stress) of having to repeat a transfer
- This is the success rate that is reported
- PGT-A testing can help increase the chance of embryo transfer success



Embryo Creation – The Maths

Egg Donor + 1 Sperm Provider

Egg Donor + 2 Sperm Providers (Split Cycle)





Embryo Creation – How Do I Evaluate Success?

How Many Embryos do You Need?

- It depends:
 - How many children do you hope to have in your family?
 - How many embryos do you plan to transfer?
 - What are your clinic's success rates – PGT-A biopsy survival, freeze and thaw survival, live birth rate?

What Questions Should I Ask?

- It only takes 1 per child, but statistically you need to have more
- What is your clinic's average number of chromosomally normal embryos per cycle type (own egg; donor egg – one and two sperm providers)?
- How often is there only 1 embryo or 0 embryos per sperm provider per cycle type?
- Given my family plan what can I do to increase my chances of only needing one embryo creation process?



Embryo Transfer Success Rates – Which One?



Pregnancy Rates are Always Higher  **Live Birth is What Matters**



Embryo Transfer Success Rates – Details Matter!

Embryos Transferred	Live Birth Success Rate
1	57%
2	73%
Average (1.3)	60%

Number of Transfer Attempts	Cumulative Probability of Live Birth
1	57%
2	82%
3	92%

- Age of the egg
- PGT-A tested or not
- Number of embryos transferred
- Which rate and how presented (per transfer or cumulative)
- How many cases
- Where the embryo was created



Success Rates – Sources for US Clinics



www.cdc.gov/art



www.sart.org

- Two public sources for data on US IVF clinics – same dataset but presented slightly differently
- All US clinics required to report to the CDC – only SART members (ca. 80% of US clinics representing 95% of cycles) report to SART
- Timelag to be able to report live birth – 2017 data currently available
- Live Birth Rate per Transfer and Number of Embryos per Transfer



Guarantees – What Are We Really Talking About?

- No “Guarantee” will cover you for lost time and stress
- Really talking about some level of financial protection for having to repeat steps
- Generally you have to pay more – it’s insurance – intended to be profitable!
- May cover some but not all of the costs you will incur if you need to repeat a step:
 - Donor: donor compensation, donor travel, donor legal
 - Surrogate: extra surrogate compensation, surrogate travel, pre and post transfer monitoring
- Generally do not cover two sperm providers
- Check the detailed T&Cs!



What Costs Do You Need to Protect

	IVF Clinic Fees	Egg Donor Agency Fees	Surrogacy Agency Fees	Your Costs
Change of Egg Donor	✓	✓		✓
Change of Surrogate	✓		✓	✓
Repeat Embryo Creation	✓	✓		✓
Repeat Embryo Transfer	✓		✓	✓

- Check what your providers will cover as inclusive in their base fees / what they charge extra for when you need to repeat steps
- Do you really need to pay more up-front for a “guarantee”?



Concluding Thoughts

- What you want is a timely, cost-controlled, minimally stressful journey
- First time success, a safe journey and a healthy baby is the best way to have this
- Your real costs will be a function of the fees and success rates
- Be educated and rigorous with success rates
- Look through the marketing hype
- Get help with making like-for-like comparisons
- Don't pay more than you have to!



Thank you!

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