**Salisbury Fertility Centre (1 of 4)**

**What is Salisbury Fertility Centre?**

Salisbury Fertility Centre is based at Salisbury District Hospital and treats both self-funding and NHS funded patients. We are part of the Hospital and have access to all the resources of a District General Hospital site including Operating Theatres, Clinical, Imaging and Laboratory Specialists, Specialist Hospital Wards, Anaesthesia and Intensive Care.

Our Embryology laboratory is equipped with state-of-the-art equipment and our clinical and scientific staff have over 20 years experience in the field.

The centre benefits from its close association with the supra regional Spinal Injuries Unit and with the Department of Urology and offers specialist advice for both men and women with fertility problems.

We can manage any complications that might arise at the hospital in close liaison with our clinical colleagues in the appropriate specialities and specialist antenatal care is offered to successful patients at the hospital if required.

**Location**

The service is located in a purpose-built centre in the central part of Salisbury District Hospital. Here there is a fully equipped embryology laboratory, consulting rooms for outpatient appointments and the treatment room for embryo transfers.

**Clinic Licence**

Salisbury Fertility Centre is licensed by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority and complies with their code of practice and the code of practice of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.

**Eligibility for treatment**

Salisbury Fertility Centre works within the code of practice laid down by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority. Whilst we have to reserve the right not to treat any person or couple at any time, we are happy to see, and consider for treatment, couples in stable relationships, single sex couples and also single women for donor insemination.
We have an upper age limit of 44 years for women seeking treatment. We have no upper limit to the male age as long as they are in a stable relationship with the female that they wish to be treated with.

All patients entering licensed treatment are asked to have tests for HIV (AIDS) and other infectious conditions. We are unable to provide treatment for HIV positive patients but can direct you to alternative centres.

Some couples are eligible for IVF treatment funded by the NHS. NHS funding is granted by Primary Care Trusts according to their own criteria. Please contact us or your GP for more information.

**Referral for treatment**

Referrals for assisted conception are usually made by the Infertility Clinic at Salisbury District Hospital, by other Consultants or your General Practitioner. Occasionally patients may wish to self refer for treatment.

**Outpatient appointments**

Outpatient appointments are held in the Centre.

**Car parking for the clinic**

The closest parking for patients using the Centre is Car Park 8.

**Ultrasound scan appointments for assisted conception**

These are performed in the Centre.

**Egg collections for IVF**

Egg collections are performed in the Day Surgery Unit under general anaesthetic.

**Embryo transfers**

Embryo transfers are performed in the Treatment Room within the Centre.

**Initial consultation**

- Your initial consultation will usually last for about one hour.
- At this visit your history of infertility, your previous medical and surgical history, and previous investigations and treatments will be reviewed.
- You may be examined physically if it has been some time since this was done, or you have not been seen previously in the SDH infertility clinic.
- Some women referred to Salisbury Fertility Centre from elsewhere may be quite unsuitable for IVF, and it may be necessary to perform tests to confirm that you have a chance of success.
- A series of options for treatment will be discussed and you will be given patient information leaflets to read and take away.
• If you have already decided what treatment you wish to have this may be scheduled at this visit.

**Scheduling your treatment**

When you decide to go ahead with treatment, you will meet with the IVF coordinator. She will run through what the treatment involves, ensure that you have the appropriate patient information leaflets and discuss provisional dates for your treatment.

**Counselling**

We are very fortunate at Salisbury Fertility Centre in having an excellent counselling service run by an independent counsellor. Two sessions of counselling is provided free of charge per treatment cycle to all our patients undergoing assisted conception treatments. If you would like to see the counsellor, please ask any of the staff or leave a message on our 24 hour answerphone 01722 417224

**Follow up after assisted conception; failure or success**

We believe that you should always have access to our Consultants, Mr. Shaun Fountain or Miss Sallie Davies whatever the outcome of your treatment is.

**Paying for your treatment**

Salisbury Fertility Centre is fully embedded within Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust. Payment is to be made at commencement of the treatment cycle by cash or cheque. Cheque or Banker’s Draft should be made payable to ‘Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust’.

**Patient information evenings**

These evenings provide information on the subject of fertility; explain assisted conception treatments and an opportunity to meet the staff informally, discuss the services available and to tour the Centre in a relaxed setting. If you would like to book a place at one our open evenings please contact the Centre on 01722 417224.

**Compliments and Complaints**

We understand that most couples find subfertility investigations and treatment very stressful and we all work hard to ensure that things go as smoothly as possible. Sometimes, however, things do not go as well as we would all wish and we would like to hear of any concern that you may have about our service in order to help us to improve it for others.

Salisbury Fertility Centre abides by both the Salisbury NHS Foundation Trust policy on complaints in accordance with the NHS Complaints Procedure.

We are concerned to provide the best and most convenient service possible. We would encourage you to make known to us any dissatisfaction felt, and suggestions how we might improve our service.
The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority also requires us to have a formal complaints procedure, should the need arise. If you wish to make a formal complaint please would you address it to:

Kate Stovin-Bradford, Centre Administrator, Salisbury Fertility Centre,
Salisbury District Hospital, Odstock Road, Salisbury, SP2 8BJ

If you are still concerned, you may speak to the Trusts’ Customer Care Team, which is situated close to the main reception area of the Hospital, or by telephone (0800 374208) or you may prefer to write to the Trust’s Chief Executive.

More Information

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority has a comprehensive website including information about different treatments, patient stories and statistics. www.hfea.gov.uk