



Provincial Health Services Authority

Fertility Preservation Resources for Cancer Patients

This handout provides brief information about contacts, referral process, cost savings and support related to fertility preservation for cancer patients in BC. All Fertility Centres require a physician's referral for consultations and tests to be covered by the Medical Services Plan of BC (MSP). Self-referrals may be charged a fee. Information is subject to change without notice please contact the Fertility Centre directly to inquire about services and treatment costs.

Contact Info

Genesis Fertility Centre

#300 - 1367 West Broadway Avenue,
Vancouver, BC
V6H 4A7

Phone: 604 - 879-3032

Fax: 604-875-1431

Website: <http://genesis-fertility.com/>

Email: genesis@genesis-fertility.com

Kelowna Regional Fertility Centre (KRFC)

202-1630 Pandosy Street,
Kelowna, BC V1Y 1P7

Phone: 250-861-6811 or Toll-free 1888-861-5732

Fax: 250-861-6814

Website: www.kelownafertility.ca

Email: info@krfc.ca

Olive Fertility Centre (Vancouver & Surrey)

300-East Tower 555 West 12th Avenue,
Vancouver, BC. V5Z 3X7 (main office)

Phone: 604-559-9950

Fax: 604-559-9951

Website: www.olivefertility.com/

Email: info@olivefertility.com

Pacific Centre for Reproductive Medicine

#500 - 4601 Canada Way, Burnaby (main office)

Phone: 604-670-2418 or

Toll-free 1866-481-7276

Website: <http://pacificfertility.ca/>

Referrals

Referral: Referring physician can contact Genesis Fertility Centre and book an appointment for a patient or; a physician can complete a referral form and Genesis will call the patient to book an appointment. For self-referrals, patients can call and book an appointment for a nonrefundable fee of \$125.

Cost Savings: The cycle fee may be discounted and Genesis can submit a "compassionate medication" request before starting treatment. It is subject to approval. Be prepared if compassionate medication plan is not available.

Referral: Physician or patient can complete an online form to set up an appointment. Call to confirm they have received the referral and if this is an urgent referral. They have a moderate waitlist. Ask about an initial nurse consult. KRFC will work with the patient and the family physician to ensure all necessary documentation is in place prior to the first visit. Patients from rural communities may be able to have initial consults addressed over the phone as a private pay option.

Cost Savings: Cancer patients call and inquire.

Referral: A physician can complete the online referral form or print and fax it to Olive Fertility Centre. For self-referrals, complete the online form and the clinic will call to book an appointment. Female cancer patients can be seen at both our Vancouver and Surrey offices. Male patients for sperm freezing would be seen at the Vancouver office.

Cost Savings: Cancer patients call and inquire.

Referral: A physician must complete a referral form, fax it and Pacific Centre for Reproductive Medicine will contact the patient with an appointment. For self-referrals, patients must complete an online form or call and book an appointment (fee unknown).

Cost Savings: May offer free or reduced cost medications for cancer patients, call and inquire.

Victoria Fertility Centre

#207 - 4400 Chatterton Way,
Victoria British Columbia, Canada V8X 5J2
Phone: 250-704-0024 or Toll Free: 1888-704-2229
Fax: 250-704-0034
Website: www.victoriafertility.com/
Email: inform@victoriafertility.com

Referral: A physician must complete a referral form and patient will be contacted. Cancer patients are triaged as a priority. If a patient does not live locally, a telephone/skype consultation is available at a privately paid fee of \$200.00. For self-referrals, patients can call and book an appointment for a fee of \$200.00.

Cost Savings: Cancer patients get a reduced rate for sperm and oocyte banking. For Ovulation Induction, egg retrieval, freezing the eggs (via vitrification) and one year storage – \$2500 (instead of \$5000.00) Sperm Freezing – \$150 (instead of \$200). Contact for further information.

Financial Support:

Fertility preservation treatments are not usually covered under MSP and the costs can be expensive, cancer patients might receive financial support through the following programs:

- **Canada Revenue Agency** indicates that fertility procedures qualify as medical services as they relate to the medical condition of infertility. The amount must be paid to a medical practitioner or to a public or licensed private hospital. Such amounts might qualify for the medical expense tax credit on your tax return.
- **Extended Insurance Benefits** provided by an employer may cover the costs of medications and fertility treatments. Check with the private insurance provider or employer.
- **[Power of Hope Cost Reduction Program \(Fertile Future\)](#)** may reimburse a cancer patient (up to \$1000) for fertility preservation (receipts required). For more details and to download their application form.

Support Networks:

Cancer patients can learn more about fertility preservation by visiting the following online resources:

- **BC Cancer Agency Library**, [list of recommended websites](#) (Fertility and sexuality)
- **Cancer Knowledge Network (CKN)** - [Oncofertility Referral Network](#) (Canada)
- **Fertile Future** is a Canadian national non-profit organization that provides fertility preservation information and support services to cancer patients and oncology professionals. Our mission is to inform, educate and support cancer patients who are facing fertility-risking medical treatment, and oncology professionals who are providing this care.
- **Fertility Matters Canada (FMC)** is the national organization that empowers Canadians to help reach their reproductive health goals by providing support, awareness, information and education; and promoting equal access to fertility treatments.