



# New & Noteworthy

MIVF's Latest News

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## A/PROF DAVID GARDNER

ON IMPROVED IVF  
SUCCESS AND OUR  
ONELAB INITIATIVE

### Scientific Director of Melbourne IVF and the Director of Science, Innovation and Research of Virtus Health

A/Prof David Gardner discusses the fascinating historical advancement of scientific innovations in the field of assisted reproductive technology, such as improved embryo physiology and culture systems, as well as the development of the Gardner Grading system and how the OneLab initiative will improve Virtus Health's patient outcomes.

Click the image above to watch the video

## Breaking down the Barriers to Fertility Preservation

in the Oncology patient via a National Ovarian and Testicular Tissue Transport and Cryopreservation Service (NOTTCS).

[Read more about NOTTCS and Melbourne IVF's commitment to this important initiative here.](#)

\*The service is partially funded by Sony Foundation Australia. Sony Foundation Australia is the charitable arm of the Sony Group of Companies in Australia.

Melbourne IVF, together with the Royal Women's Hospital in Melbourne, provide fertility preservation options including ovarian and testicular tissue freezing, for young people facing the loss of their fertility for medical reasons.

Until recently, young cancer patients seeking fertility preservation in regional or interstate areas, may not be afforded this opportunity because of lack of resources or accessibility. One approach to increasing patient access to Gonadal Tissue Cryopreservation (GTC), is to provide a national tissue retrieval and transport service.



### About NOTTCS

NOTTCS facilitates recommended best practice oncofertility, with extensive support from a centre of excellence. This has made possible the expansion of patient and provider access to timely fertility preservation, irrespective of geographic location and (largely) financial constraint.

### What can you do to help?

Familiarise yourself with the fertility preservation options, in order to advise your patients of their oncofertility choices if faced with a cancer diagnosis.

# Male Infertility

# Q&A

## Dr Hossam Elzeiny

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After a woman's age, male infertility is the second biggest cause of pregnancy delay and affects almost half of all couples having trouble conceiving. Dr Elzeiny is an expert in male infertility and one of the few reproductive endocrinologists in Australia who can help men with azoospermia (zero sperm count), using the most sophisticated microscopic sperm extraction procedure (Schlegel Technique). Read the Q&A with Dr Elzeiny below.

### How do you treat male infertility?

Being a specialist in male fertility, I see many males with infertility issues. By involving them in the first consultation and engaging them throughout treatment, I'm able to help them see that there is hope in pursuing the end goal of creating a baby. I also give a lot of second opinions in this field of male infertility.

### How would you describe yourself as a doctor?

I am a very sympathetic and empathetic doctor and try and put myself in the patient's shoes. Male issues can be a difficult subject to talk about. I am also a very practical doctor and like to give my patients a lot of information, which I think helps to make them feel in control and less apprehensive.

### Do many men freeze their sperm?

I am seeing a lot more men come in to see me for the purpose of freezing their sperm, particularly the ones who have a low sperm count. This can put them at ease, knowing they have a sperm back up for the future.

[To refer your patients to Dr Elzeiny, visit our instant referral form here](#)

## Andrology Services

### Our Andrology Services are expanding.

Your patients can access Andrology locally at our East Melbourne clinic, plus we'll soon be launching a new service at Doncaster-Templestowe.

- Semen Collection, Semen Analysis
- Sperm Antibody Testing
- Elective Sperm Freeze

#### East Melbourne:

344 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002

#### Doncaster-Templestowe:

268 Manningham Road, Templestowe Lower

[To download a semen analysis referral form click here.](#)

## GP WhatsApp Group FERTILITY Q&A



Have all your fertility questions answered in real time by one of our leading fertility specialists. WhatsApp Groups are available to join with Dr Chandrika Parmar, Dr Kokum Jayasinghe, Dr Genia Rozen and Dr Joe Sgroi.

[Click here to visit the GP hub & access the groups.](#)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Fundamentals in Reproductive Endocrinology Workshop by The Royal Women's Hospital

**13 November** Online Webinar  
9am – 5.30pm

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### Reproductive Medicine Education Online Webinars

**16 November** Dr Joe Sgroi  
7pm – 8pm Genetic testing

**18 November** Dr Alice Huang  
7pm – 8pm Egg Freezing

**25 November** Dr Raelia Lew  
7pm – 8pm Sexual Dysfunction

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### Reproductive Medicine Education Symposium – 40 CPD points

#### Saturday 27 November 2021

11:30am – 5:30pm  
Novotel Hotel  
285 Springvale Road, Glen Waverley

#### Saturday 4 December 2021

11:30am – 5:30pm  
Pullman Melbourne on the Park  
192 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne

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