VA Infertility Services

What is infertility?

Infertility is when a couple does not become pregnant after 12 months of trying. Some couples should seek infertility evaluation earlier than 12 months. For example, women over 35 years old or people with a known cause of infertility, such as having blocked fallopian tubes or being unable to produce sperm.

Who is eligible for infertility services?

VA provides infertility evaluation, management, and treatment services to Veterans who are enrolled and are eligible for VA health care. All enrolled and eligible Veterans may be provided with infertility services regardless of service connection, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, relationship, or marital status.

What infertility services are available at VA?

Infertility care is available either at your local VA medical facility or through referral to health care providers in your community. Below are examples of infertility services covered by VA.

Examples of Infertility Services for All Female Veterans

- Infertility assessments and counseling
- Laboratory testing
- Imaging services such as ultrasounds and X-rays
- Hormonal therapies
- Surgical correction
- Genetic counseling and testing
- Fertility medications
- Artificial and intrauterine insemination
- Tubal ligation reversal

Examples of Infertility Services for All Male Veterans

- Infertility assessments and counseling
- Laboratory testing
- Imaging services such as ultrasounds and X-rays
- Hormonal therapies
- Surgical correction
- Genetic counseling and testing
- Vasectomy reversal
- Sperm retrieval techniques (including sperm washing for intrauterine insemination)

What is in vitro fertilization (IVF)?

IVF is the process of fertilization that involves manually fertilizing an egg with a sperm outside of the body and then transferring the fertilized egg, or embryo, to the uterus.

Who is eligible for IVF?

Under recent law, IVF is covered for some Veterans and their spouses. Eligibility is determined by a service-connected disability and clinical judgment of the health care provider. The eligibility requirements are as follows:

- The Veteran must be legally married.
- The Veteran must have service-connected condition causing infertility.
- The Veteran or spouse must have an intact uterus and at least one functioning ovary.
- The Veteran or spouse must be able to produce sperm.

Surrogacy, as well as donated sperm or eggs, are not covered benefits.

How can I access infertility services?

Veterans interested in infertility services should contact their VA health care provider. VA IVF services are not available outside the United States.

What if I have more questions about infertility services at VA?

Speak with your VA health care provider to learn more about infertility services. If you are ineligible for infertility services through VA, financial assistance through community sources may be available. Veterans can also contact their local VA Women Veteran Program Manager for more information about infertility services.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Women Veterans Call Center
1-855-VA-WOMEN
(1-855-829-6636)

Women's Health Services
www.womenshealth.va.gov

Veterans Benefits Administration
1-800-827-1000
www.vba.va.gov

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