Wolfson Fertility Centre
Innovative, expert care

The Wolfson Fertility Centre at Hammersmith Hospital is one of the leading centres for reproductive medicine in the world, with a long history and an enviable reputation for innovative fertility services. Our clinic was established by Professor, Lord Robert Winston in 1982 to provide IVF for both NHS and self-funding patients, and the team was responsible for the first IVF birth in London. It is now established as one of the largest fertility services in the UK.

Being part of an internationally renowned NHS Trust offers tremendous benefits to our private patients. It means we can offer you world-class expert care alongside seamless support from other hospital departments if your situation requires it. As a result, we can often treat people with complex fertility challenges that are not able to be treated in other clinics.

Our academic links with Imperial College London mean that we remain at the forefront of reproductive science. We work closely with academic clinicians and scientists to ensure that we continue to lead the field of reproductive medicine. We often have clinical trials and research in progress and staff will be happy to discuss these with you, if your situation is appropriate.

Our ethos is to only provide care based on strong scientific evidence. We will always carefully analyse any potential fertility intervention before it is offered to our patients, and will only introduce it to our clinic if it passes the robust selection criteria laid out by our scientific experts.

We pride ourselves on the level of care we provide for our patients, and we deliver consistently high IVF success rates. To find out our most recent results, please visit www.hfea.gov.uk.

Our service is suitable for all patients, including single women looking to become pregnant, single people considering fertility preservation or couples in LGBT relationships looking to start a family.

Please speak to our team about the options available to you.

“We had wonderful care from our very first appointment.”
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Our team

All our consultants are accredited specialists in reproductive medicine who are recognised both nationally and internationally as leaders in their field. Our world-class embryologists are also accredited to the highest standards. Many of the senior embryologists across the country were trained here at Hammersmith.

Our wider team is made up of experienced nurses and laboratory technicians as well as our administration staff. We all take pride in our roles to make sure our patients have the very best experience possible during what may be an emotional time.

Our team also includes an accredited counsellor who can offer emotional support and help navigate the complex issues that can arise when it is difficult to have a baby.

Many of our patients have said that the support given before, during and after their treatment made a real difference to the way they were able to prepare and cope with the whole experience.
“Staff have all been friendly, accessible and extremely professional.”
Fertility investigation

We offer a comprehensive range of investigations for couples with fertility problems. We use our in-house laboratory for blood tests ensuring that we provide the highest quality and most consistent results.

Our unit is equipped with the latest ultrasound machines and we provide ultrasound examinations as well as HyCoSy (a technique for checking whether fallopian tubes are blocked), 3D and 4D scans.

Our clinical team are amongst the most experienced in the field of reproductive medicine, ensuring that your tests are carried out with a diagnostic accuracy that is second to none.

Preserving your fertility

Our storage facility at Hammersmith Hospital has one of the best records for storing sperm, eggs or embryos in the country. Our clinical and laboratory teams have extensive experience in this field and there is no safer place for long term storage.

We can also support patients that are due to embark on chemotherapy treatment. As chemotherapy can affect fertility, we can store eggs or sperm prior to treatment, giving patients the chance of parenthood in the future. Our location in one of London’s major teaching hospitals ensures that we are able to look after people with complex health challenges in close collaboration with colleagues specialising in cancer medicine.

We are also increasingly seeing women who wish to freeze their eggs for fertility preservation. In all cases we are able to provide clear, scientifically proven advice to let our patients make an informed choice.
Our treatment options

We offer full investigations for the causes of infertility and a full range of fertility options including:

- fertility investigations (e.g. blood tests, ultrasound etc.)
- endometrial scratch
- in-vitro fertilisation (IVF)/intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI)
- Pre implantation genetic screening
- Pre implantation genetic diagnosis
- frozen embryo replacement cycles
- intrauterine insemination (IUI)
- donor eggs/sperm
- genetic testing
- fertility preservation
- reproductive surgery

Depending on your situation, IUI (intrauterine insemination) may be recommended as an alternative option to IVF (in vitro fertilisation). It is a simpler, less invasive method and is often a useful treatment for women who have irregular cycles (mainly due to polycystic ovaries) or for couples or single women who need to use donor sperm.

Reproductive surgery

We are a leading centre for reproductive surgery and offer a comprehensive range of surgical options for fertility problems.

Our aim is to restore fertility wherever possible and give you the best chance of conception, whether naturally or with additional fertility treatment.

Our consultants are recognised experts in this field have particular expertise in providing surgery for intra-uterine adhesions (Asherman’s syndrome) and fibroids.

We are able to offer a full range of minimally invasive surgical procedures including myomectomy (the removal of fibroids) and surgery of the fallopian tubes.

Although the risks of complications after surgery are small, as we are part of a larger NHS Trust you will have the added reassurance of access to emergency care, if it should ever be needed.
Sperm or egg donation

If you are considering treatment with a donor egg or sperm then our team will be able to inform you about these options.

We can advise on reputable donor sperm banks that allow you to make your own choice of donor.

We can also provide treatment where the sperm donor is known to you and will advise you regarding the best and safest way to achieve this. You and your prospective donor will have the opportunity to meet with our counsellor to discuss the implications of creating your family through egg or sperm donation.

Support and counselling

Our kind and expert counselling team offer you the chance to discuss how you may be feeling about fertility issues.

All of our counselling is delivered in-house and is led by a senior accredited member of the British Infertility Counselling Association. Many of our patients have said that the support given before, during and after their treatment made a real difference to the way they were able to prepare and cope with the whole experience.
“I learned some really good coping strategies and got a different perspective.”
How to make the first step of your journey

To find out more or to book your first appointment, please call us on 020 3313 4411.

Depending on your individual circumstance, you may be asked to come in for tests prior to your first consultation. This will ensure that we can have a more productive first session as we will be able to review the results and discuss the next steps with you.

Paying for your treatment

It may be that you are eligible for NHS treatment for your fertility problems, and our clinic can also offer its services via the NHS where applicable. If you have already had NHS treatment, but are no longer covered, or your treatment is not covered by your NHS provider, we are still able to help you via our private service.

If you choose to have your treatment privately, please call 0203 313 4411 to make an appointment. You will also be sent the relevant forms which you can either post back to us or bring to your first appointment.

You can be assured that we will never suggest unnecessary tests or procedures and our IVF packages offer excellent value for money.

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As a patient with Imperial Private Healthcare, you’ll experience the best of both worlds – world-class consultants providing care in modern, private facilities, all within some of London’s most trusted NHS hospitals.

We are proud to be part of one of the UK’s leading academic hospital groups, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust. With more than 350 expert consultants covering every medical, diagnostic and surgical specialty, we are able to care for you as either an inpatient or outpatient – whatever your healthcare needs.

In 2006, with Imperial College London and other partners, the Trust became the first academic health science centre in the UK. Together, we are involved in ground-breaking clinical trials and cutting-edge laboratory research. Bringing together primary research and a clinical setting enables our consultants to translate findings quickly into practice so that you receive the most up-to-date treatment.

From diagnosis until discharge, you and your family will experience exceptional levels of discretion and care. We are able to care for you and your family through all stages of life – from fertility concerns through to maternity, paediatrics and adult care.

All funds generated by Imperial Private Healthcare are reinvested in Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, and are used to support and enhance both NHS and private clinical services for the benefit of all our patients.