

Patient selection and counselling

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- Our legislation and insurance regulations cover 6 cycles for the 1st pregnancy and another 4 for each further pregnancy
- Huge numbers of supernumerous stored embryos

Stored embryos (1994-1998)

	Embryos	Cycles
Cryopreserved	2143	684
Thawed	1585 (74 %)	524
Discarded	514 + 50 (26%)	160: 100 (pregnant) 2 (couple divorced) 58 (unknown reason)

Stored embryos (1999-2007)

	Embryos	Cycles
Cryopreserved	7919	2965
Thawed	5215 (65.8%)	1931

Patient selection

- 1st and 2nd IVF cycles; those patients who are also suitable for selective ET (<36 years, good ovarian reserve: number of antral follicles, FSH, AMH?)
- Replacement of IUI - low pregnancy rate, additional OR is not questionable, unexplained infertility?

Advantages

- For insurance company - lower consumption of gonadotrophins
- Reduced workload of embryologists

Counselling

- Although the pregnancy rate might be lower, the procedure is shorter, less traumatic with a lower incidence of side effects (inflammation, lesions of neighbour organs, bleeding)
 - Prevention of the development of OHSS
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