Public Fertility Care can help people who find it hard to get pregnant. It can offer genetic counselling, fertility preservation, and fertility assessment and treatment.

You must do some tests before you can go to Public Fertility Care. The tests give information about your health and your fertility. Your doctor will tell you which tests to do before your referral is sent to the Women's. You might need:

- a blood test
- a urine sample
- an ultrasound.

If you are getting fertility treatment with your partner, they might need:

- a blood test
- a semen sample.



The Royal Women's Hospital coordinates Public Fertility Care, a state-of-the-art service. It is delivered in partnership with health services across Victoria.











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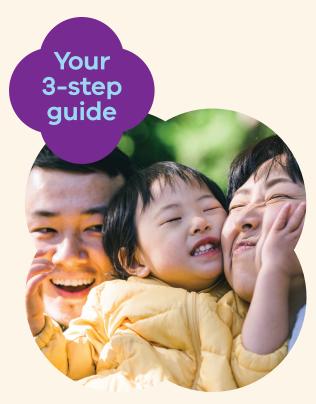
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### Public Fertility Care

Helping Victorians start or grow their families



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### Step 1

### Are you eligible?

Public Fertility Care helps people who are single or in a couple. It helps people of all genders. Your situation or health may prevent fertility or safe conception. You may have been trying to conceive naturally and failed.

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You might be eligible for Public Fertility Care if you:

- Live in Victoria
- Have a Medicare card.
- Have a referral from a GP or specialist.

You must meet the age criteria for Public Fetility Care. You might be eligible if:

- You are aged 42 (inclusive) and using your own eggs.
- You are aged 51 and using a donor egg that was collected from someone who was 42 years or younger.



### Step 2

## Talk to your doctor or specialist

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Ask your doctor or specialist for a referral to Public Fertility Care.

Your doctor will need some information about you to do the referral. You must do some tests before you can go to Public Fertility Care.



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### Step 3

# Waiting for your first appointment

Once your referral has been accepted, you can view a live 'wait-time' estimator on the Women's website. This can help you to understand how long you need to wait for your first appointment. If you have not heard anything after 14 days, check in with your doctor to make sure your referral has been accepted by the hospital.

Your appointments may be by telehealth or in person. Public Fertility Care has different locations in Victoria, some are close to your home. You will be notified where you need to go for your appointment. For some appointments, you might need to travel to the Women's in Melbourne.

#### **More information**

You can find more information about Public Fertility Care on the Women's website. There are factsheets and more information about Public Fertility Care.

