

Lupron IVF Cycle

Suppression Phase

Two to four weeks

- Confirm financial authorization for cycle.
- Begin birth control pills with menses (your period).
- Contact IVF coordinator to set up ivf dates.
- The ivf nurse and coordinator will order your medications and give you the dates to start your Lupron and stop your birth control pills. They will also make your IVF baseline appointment.
- Once you stop your birth control pills, you will get a period within a few days.

Stimulation Phase

Approximately 2 weeks

- Come in for baseline bloodwork and ultrasound.
- You will be instructed to decrease your Lupron and begin stimulation medication injections. (Gonal-F, Follistim, Menopur) Average days on stimulation medication is 10-12.
- Each time you have a cycle appointment, you will receive a phone call that day with your next step.
- You will have 4-7 bloodwork and ultrasound appointments during this phase of the cycle.
- At one point in this phase, you will be instructed to take your hCG (Novarel, Pregnyl, Ovidrel). This is used to mature the eggs and set the time for your retrieval. Egg retrieval is approximately 36 hours after the hCG injection.

Retrieval and Transfer

Embryo transfer 3 or 5 days after retrieval

- Approximately 36 hours after the hCG injection, you will have your egg retrieval. This is a procedure done in the morning, under anesthesia.
- Because of the anesthesia, you will need a support person for this day. You will not be able to go to work or drive.
- Your partner will need to be here at the same time with a valid picture ID such as a license if he is producing a fresh specimen.
- Although the procedure is usually under 30 minutes, plan on being here approximately 3 hours.
- On the day of your retrieval you will be given egg numbers. You will be in contact with the IVF lab over the next few days to discuss fertilization rates, embryo development, and transfer date and time.
- Begin progesterone supplementation the day after your egg retrieval. (Crinone, Endometrin, Prometrium, or IM progesterone)
- Transfers are 3 or 5 days following egg retrieval.
- A pregnancy test is scheduled for approximately 15 days following your retrieval. Please continue your progesterone until we instruct you to stop.