

# IVF NEWS

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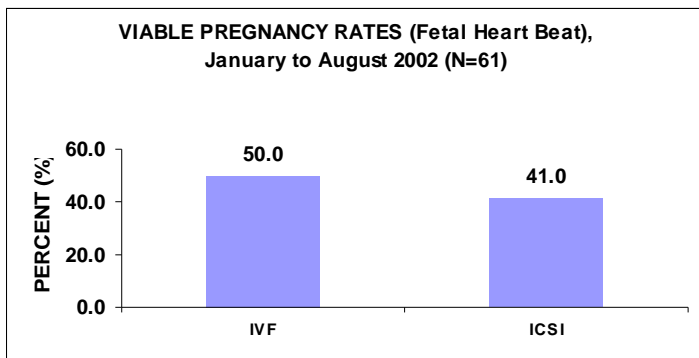
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## More patient friendly IVF treatments at C.A.R.E.

In July, our Center Director, **Dr. Mick Abae**, attended the **Annual Meeting of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE)**, held in Vienna, Austria. He presented the results of a study entitled: *"Prospective randomized trial of two mild controlled ovarian stimulation (COS) protocols with rFSH in combination with ganirelix acetate or low dose leuprolide acetate, preliminary results"*. **Dr. Abae showed that in good prognosis patients, individualized and more friendly protocols for ovarian stimulation result in favorable outcomes with decreased costs and offer greater convenience to the patients than standard methods.** We anticipate to further expand the study and also to recruit potential patients to enroll in this patient friendly clinical trial.



Our program's philosophy to personal and individualized patient treatment is key to excellent IVF pregnancy results as well as overall great patient satisfaction. We continue to enjoy high success rates with both IVF and ICSI (Assisted Microfertilization for severe male infertility) as demonstrated below. ICSI has continued to produce high success rates for men who are unable to fertilize naturally, and this provides the opportunity to father biological offspring.



During this period we have also achieved a remarkable 52.0% viable pregnancy rate in patients under 35 years of age.

## Genetic Testing and Counseling

Genetic testing and counseling is offered at our center routinely. Couples can obtain valuable information with regard to the genetic status of the fetus. **Chorionic villus sampling (CVS), a test performed in early pregnancy (10-12 weeks)** is of great importance, especially in cases of multiple pregnancy such as twins, etc. CVS is performed under continuous sonographic observation using a very thin biopsy needle to obtain a small sample of the early placenta, which has the same chromosomal make up as the fetus.

## We welcome Dr. Harold F. Rodriguez

As the new **Director of our Assisted Reproduction Laboratories (L.I.F.E.)**, Dr. Rodriguez brings well over 10 years of hands on experience. He is board-certified in the field of A.R.T. and has been involved in assisting hundreds of couples in achieving their dream of having a baby. Dr. Rodriguez is fluent in both English and Spanish, he also serves as an inspector for the Reproductive Laboratory Accreditation Program through CAP. Please feel free to contact him directly at [hrdriguez@care-life.com](mailto:hrdriguez@care-life.com).



## New Genetics Services: PGD

We are very proud to expand our genetics diagnostic services to include Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD) under the laboratory direction of Dr. Rodriguez. PGD is cutting-edge technology that allows **genetic testing to improve the selection of chromosomally normal early pre-embryos prior to their transfer back into the uterine cavity.** For example, Down Syndrome, a condition which involves abnormalities of chromosome numbers (an extra chromosome 21), known to occur more frequently with advancing maternal age can be detected by PGD. This can greatly reduce the risk of a pregnancy with Down Syndrome. We are pleased to have achieved successful results from this new technology at our center.



## New Alliance with Femwell Health Group

We are very proud and excited to have developed an alliance with the **Femwell Health Group**, the largest women's health care provider in South Florida. With this affiliation, we will continue to provide patient friendly and individualized fertility & genetic services through the Femwell system at our new C.A.R.E. South facility in Kendall:

**11440 North Kendall Drive, Suite 212, Miami, FL 33176  
Toll-Free Number: 1-866-246-CARE (2273)**

To further celebrate the expansion in our services as the premier fertility center and the FIRST IVF REFUND program in South Florida we are proud to announce our newest financial option: **IVF-CARE PROGRAM, \$6,900.00 without medications.** For further information please visit us on the web ([www.care-life.com](http://www.care-life.com)), or contact our offices at 1-866-246-CARE (2273), or 954-584-2273.