



Freezing Eggs

Freezing eggs is now possible and successful. This procedure is initially the same as IVF; ovulation induction followed by oocyte retrieval. Unlike IVF, the eggs are not inseminated. Instead the eggs are frozen by a process called Vitrification. There are various reasons why a woman may want to do this. Some women want to preserve their reproductive potential, and need, or want to postpone pregnancy. Age and fertility are intimately linked in women. Some women want to preserve their fertility potential if they have been diagnosed with cancer and will be receiving chemotherapy. There are women/couples which for religious beliefs are concerned about the possibility of having extra embryos which they may not want to transfer. Whatever the reason, egg freezing is now possible and an option for certain individuals/couples and is no longer considered experimental.