



Reproductive Technology Council

Approved Counsellors March 2006

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* **Qualified to assist with child-related 'Telling Issues' associated with donor conception.**

The professional address is provided first followed by an alternate address if applicable.

INFERTILITY COUNSELLING 'APPROVED COUNSELLORS'

The role of 'approved counsellors' under the Human Reproductive Technology Act 1991 (WA)

When experiencing infertility or involved in its treatment through assisted reproduction (such as IVF and donor insemination), individuals and couples can, at various times, need or want to see a counsellor. This may be to discuss personal issues, seek assistance in decision making, or to seek support. For example those dealing with the psycho-social issues of infertility, or those considering the donation or use of donated human reproductive material (eg sperm donors) may wish to seek this support. Counselling is an accepted and useful resource for those experiencing the difficult emotional and psycho-social processes that most people experience in these situations.

Counselling is distinguished from

- the information which is given to everyone seeking treatment;
- the normal relationship between the clinician and the person seeking treatment; and
- the process of assessing people for treatment.

The aims of counselling are to provide people with the opportunity

- to explore personal and family issues related to infertility;
- to understand the personal implications of the available treatment options;
- to seek help in making decisions about treatment that is acceptable to them; and
- to seek support before, during and after treatment.

Whilst the benefits of counselling are generally recognised, consumers are not obliged to accept counselling. The exception to this is when individuals and couples are considering treatment using gametes or embryos from donors who are **known** to them. In this case, the donors and recipients, and any spouse or partner, **must** attend counselling. In addition, fertility clinics are encouraged, but not obligated, to make counselling available for *all* donors of human reproductive material (such as sperm donors) or donor insemination patients. The list of 'Approved Counsellors' must be made available to them. Counselling assists with the better understanding of the complex issues involved in donation, for both the potential donors and recipients.

Counsellors who assist people seeking infertility treatment need to have a knowledge and understanding of the complex issues involved. For this reason the Western Australian Reproductive Technology Council recognises some counsellors as 'Approved Counsellors' under the *Human Reproductive Technology Act 1991* (Act).

'Approved counsellors' must be qualified and experienced counsellors, who also possess a significant knowledge of the issues associated with fertility and infertility. They must also demonstrate evidence of keeping up to date with technological developments. A list of 'approved counsellors' is provided overleaf. Counsellors on this list include those working in fertility clinics licensed under the Act as well as those working in the general community. Clinic counsellors must also become members of ANZICA, the Australian New Zealand Infertility Counsellors' Association. See website www.anzica.org

In Western Australia all fertility clinics are licensed under the Act, and must provide access to counselling to all people undergoing IVF treatment, with some counselling being provided at no extra cost in the overall treatment fee. There is currently an entitlement to counselling at the rate of one hour per IVF treatment cycle, plus one additional hour when the decision is made to withdraw from further IVF treatment.

For further information please contact your Doctor or

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