

Fertility Preservation Resources for Cancer Patients

This handout provides brief information about contacts, referral process, cost savings and support related to fertility preservation for cancer patients in BC. All Fertility Centres require a physician's referral for consultations and tests to be covered by the Medical Services Plan of BC (MSP). Self-referrals may be charged a fee. Information is subject to change without notice please contact the Fertility Centre directly to inquire about services and treatment costs.

Contact Info

Genesis Fertility Centre

#300 - 1367 West Broadway Avenue,
Vancouver, BC
V6H 4A7
Phone: 604 - 879-3032
Fax: 604-875-1431
Website: <http://genesis-fertility.com/>
Email: genesis@genesis-fertility.com

Kelowna Regional Fertility Centre (KRFC)

202-1630 Pandosy Street,
Kelowna, BC V1Y 1P7
Phone: 250-861-6811 or Toll-free 1888-861-5732
Fax: 250-861-6814
Website: www.kelownafertility.ca
Email: info@krfc.ca

Olive Fertility Centre (Vancouver & Surrey)

300-East Tower 555 West 12th Avenue,
Vancouver, BC. V5Z 3X7 (main office)
Phone: 604-559-9950
Fax: 604-559-9951
Website: www.olivefertility.com/
Email: info@olivefertility.com

Pacific Centre for Reproductive Medicine

(Burnaby, Surrey & Vancouver)
#500 - 4601 Canada Way, Burnaby (main office)
Phone: 604-422-7276 or Toll-free 1866-481-7276
Fax: 604-434-5522
Website: <http://pacificfertility.ca/>

Referral & Cost Savings

Referral: Referring physician can contact Genesis Fertility Centre and book an appointment for a patient or; a physician can complete a referral form and Genesis will call the patient to book an appointment. For self-referrals, patients can call and book an appointment for a nonrefundable fee of \$125.

Cost Savings: The cycle fee may be discounted and Genesis can submit a "compassionate medication" request prior to starting treatment, but it is subject to pharmaceutical company approval. Be prepared if compassionate medication plan is not available.

Referral: A referring physician or a patient can complete an online form and KRFC will call to set up an appointment. They have a moderate waitlist. An initial consult with a nurse may be possible, ask about a nurse consult. KRFC will work with the patient and the family physician to ensure all necessary documentation is in place prior to the first visit. Patients from rural communities may be able to have initial consults addressed over the phone as a private pay option.

Cost Savings: Contact and inquire about any cost savings for cancer patients.

Referral: A physician can complete the online referral form or print and fax it to Olive Fertility Centre. For self-referrals, patients can complete the online form and the clinic will call to book an appointment. There is a \$100 fee for self-referrals. Female cancer patients can be seen at both our Vancouver and Surrey offices. Male patients for sperm freezing would be seen at the Vancouver office.

Cost Savings: Contact and inquire about any cost savings for cancer patients.

Referral: A physician must complete a referral form, fax it and Pacific Centre for Reproductive Medicine will contact the patient with an appointment. For self-referrals, patients must complete an online form or call and book an appointment (fee unknown).

Cost Savings: Pacific Centre for Reproductive Medicine has a preservation foundation for cancer patients and may offer free or reduced cost medications. Call for more information.

Victoria Fertility Centre

#207 - 4400 Chatterton Way,

Victoria British Columbia, Canada V8X 5J2

Phone: 250-704-0024 or Toll Free: 1888-704-2229

Fax: 250-704-0034

Website: www.victoriafertility.com/

Email: inform@victoriafertility.com

Referral: A physician must complete a referral form and the patient will be contacted with an appointment. Cancer patients are triaged as a priority. If a patient does not live locally, a telephone/skype consultation is available at a privately paid fee of \$200.00. For self-referrals, patients can call and book an appointment for a fee of \$200.00.

Cost Savings: Cancer patients get a reduced rate for sperm and oocyte banking. For Ovulation Induction, egg retrieval, freezing the eggs (via vitrification) and one year storage – \$2500 (instead of \$5000.00) Sperm Freezing – \$150 (instead of \$200). Contact them for further information.

Financial Support

Fertility preservation treatments are not usually covered under MSP and the costs can be expensive, cancer patients might receive financial support through the following programs:

- **Canada Revenue Agency** indicates that fertility procedures qualify as medical services as they relate to the medical condition of infertility. The amount must be paid to a medical practitioner or to a public or licensed private hospital. Such amounts might qualify for the medical expense tax credit on your tax return.
- **Extended Insurance Benefits** provided by an employer may cover the costs of medications and fertility treatments. Check with the private insurance provider or employer.
- **Power of Hope Cost Reduction Program (Fertile Future)** may reimburse a cancer patient (up to \$1000) for fertility preservation (receipts required). For more details and to download their application form, please visit <http://fertilefuture.ca/programs/power-of-hope/>

Support Networks

Cancer patients can learn more about fertility preservation by visiting the following online resources:

- **BC Cancer Agency Library, list of recommended websites** (Fertility and sexuality): www.bccancer.bc.ca/our-services/services/library/recommended-websites/managing-symptoms-and-side-effects-websites/fertility-and-sexuality-websites
- **Cancer Knowledge Network (CKN)** - Oncofertility Referral Network (Canada): <https://cancerkn.com/oncofertility-referral-network/>
- **Fertile Future** is a Canadian national non-profit organization that provides fertility preservation information and support services to cancer patients and oncology professionals. Our mission is to inform, educate and support cancer patients who are facing fertility-risking medical treatment, and oncology professionals who are providing this care. Visit <http://fertilefuture.ca/>
- **Fertility Matters Canada (FMC)** is the national organization that empowers Canadians to help reach their reproductive health goals by providing support, awareness, information and education; and promoting equal access to fertility treatments. Visit <http://fertilitymatters.ca/#>