

THE PATIENT JOURNEY

EGG DONATION

AT

IVI VALENCIA

When you call GCRM we will ask for the following:

- ✓ your full name (surname, then forename)
- ✓ date of birth

We will ask for these ID points to ensure we have the correct record in front of us.

The office is open between the following times:

	Open	Closed
Monday	8:30 am	5.00 pm
Tuesday	8:30 am	5:00 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am	6:30 pm
Thursday	8:30 am	6:30 pm
Friday	8:30 am	5:00 pm
Saturday	09:00 am	12:00 noon
Sunday	CLOSED	CLOSED

If you call out with these times there is an answering machine. Please leave a message and the relevant person will call you back as soon as they can.

Emergency Contact Numbers:

GCRM: 0141 891 8749

(Out with Opening Hours) On-Call doctor: 07590756672

or

the on-call Gynaecology Registrar @ Southern General : 0141 201 1100

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This information leaflet is designed for patients who are considering receiving egg donation through the *IVI* clinic in Valencia.

Background

Whilst the GCRM has the largest egg donation programme in Scotland, demand is such that we have a long waiting list for women who require donated eggs. This has contributed to patients seeking such treatments abroad, unsupported by their local centre. To offer patients an alternative avenue to treatment, we have established a link with *IVI Valencia*. This means, in practical terms, that patients can be seen and have the early steps in the treatment process conducted here at GCRM and only travel to Valencia for the final stages - insemination of eggs and embryo transfer.

IVI is a large, reputable Spanish clinic that has a very successful egg donation programme. It has little waiting time for treatment due to the high number of donors it has available.

Before embarking on treatment through *IVI*, GCRM is obliged to make patients aware that those seeking treatment in Spain (or elsewhere) will be attending a clinic that is not regulated by the UK's Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority. However, like all Spanish clinics, *IVI* has certain local and national guidelines to which it must adhere, especially in relation to the virology and genetic screening of potential donors. GCRM has satisfied itself that *IVI* has stringent protocols for donor selection / screening but would still advise patients to seek confirmation of this when they contact the clinic themselves.

It also has to be made clear that all the *IVI* egg donors will be anonymous. This means that any resulting child born as a result of treatment in Spain will not be able to find out any information about the egg donor. This differs from the situation in the UK, where all egg donors are not anonymous. In other words, at the age of 18, any child(ren) born from eggs received in the UK would be able to receive identifying information about the egg donor.

GCRM also has to make it clear that because of the different regulatory regimes, we will not be able to import or export any eggs, sperm or embryos between the UK to Spain.

Finally, GCRM would also advise patients that there are differences in the UK and Spanish legal systems, and that they may wish to seek their own independent legal advice.

Please note, that *IVI* has a maximum age limit for receiving donated eggs of 49 years old.

The Patient Journey

1. The journey begins in Glasgow Centre for Reproductive Medicine with an initial consultation.
2. An information pack will be posted/given to you. The 5 page personal details form should be filled in **completely** and sent back to GCRM
3. Appointments are required for:
 - a. pelvic ultrasound scan,
 - b. mid cycle catheter test (MCCT)
 - c. semen analysis
4. *IVI* consents will be sent out by post (along with your invoice for £750) to be completed and sent back. They will be checked and sent to *IVI* with personal details form, results and any other documents required.
5. *At this stage there may be a delay while IVI liaise with their egg donation department. If you have any concerns about this please contact IVI directly.*
6. A counselling appointment is strongly recommended at this stage.*
7. *IVI* will send a copy of your protocol and drug prescription to you and GCRM.
8. The nurse co-ordinator will phone you to discuss your protocol and drugs and post you a diary with dates filled in and she will book your appointments.
9. GCRM will arrange your prescription with Central Homecare who will telephone you directly for payment.

10. When you begin your medication you will be required to pay IVI 8,000€ by bank transfer. Their bank details are:

Name of bank: BANCAJA
 Office: Mediterraneo Empresas
 Address: Cataluna, 6. 46020 Valencia
 Account Number: 2077.0737.71.3100226657
 IBAN: ES88 2077 0737 71 3100226657
 SWIFT: CVALESVVXXX

11. Please note, you are a patient of IVI and they will manage your treatment. They will tell you when you require to go to Valencia, and also when your medication should change.
 12. You will have to book flights and accommodation for yourselves. See information below.
 13. When you arrive at IVI in Valencia, your partner will be asked to produce a semen sample for your treatment. IVI will give you all instructions directly from this point.
 14. When you return to the UK, you should phone GCRM to make an appointment for your pregnancy test.
 15. If your pregnancy test is positive, GCRM will arrange a pregnancy scan for approximately three weeks later and another prescription will be ordered for pregnancy support drugs.

If the outcome is unsuccessful you will have the opportunity to come back for a review appointment with one of the GCRM consultants.

- * *Counselling is a very important aspect of the process and GCRM encourages patients to talk to the counsellor. The GCRM treatment package price includes one session of counselling, available to all patients once the "GCRM consent & monitoring" price has been paid. Counselling is still available before this point or for further sessions, however this will be charged at the standard rate.*

Costings

Step	Appointment	Pay to:	Price
1	Initial Consultation	GCRM	£ 160.00 ¹
2	Pelvic ultrasound	GCRM	£ 80.00 ¹
	Semen Analysis	GCRM	£ 115.00 ¹
	MCCT	GCRM	£ 180.00 ¹
3	Recipient & Partner Blood Tests		
	HIV (1+2) Antigen and antibody, Hep B (Surface antigen and core antibody) & Hep C (x2)	GCRM	£ 265.00 each. Can be charged separately
	Blood Grouping (x2)	GCRM	£ 35.00 each ¹
	Rubella immunity	Result required (GP)	£ 45.00 ¹
	Negative smear test	Result required (GP)	£ 85.00 ¹
4	GCRM consent & monitoring costs (Hormone tests & scans when on treatment) Subsequent treatment	GCRM	£750.00 £650.00
5	Drug costs for yourself	Central Homecare	£ 180.00 Estimated
6	Pay for Donation Treatment Cycle (including donor drugs)	IVI	8,000 € Estimated, See INF-Clin057
7	If positive outcome, drugs for yourself	Central Homecare or IVI	£ 100.00 Estimated

¹ These prices are correct at time of printing, please check the GCRM Price List for up to date costs.

² Any subsequent cycles including Frozen Embryo Transfer cycles, will be charged at £650 per cycle.

Flights

<http://www.theairdb.com/airport/VLC.html> contains useful information about all flights available to and from VALENCIA airport.

There are no direct flights from Glasgow to Valencia, the following airlines do offer indirect flights via London;

Easyjet from London Gatwick www.easyjet.com

Iberia from London Heathrow www.iberia.com

Ryanair from London Stansted www.ryanair.com

or

KLM via Schiphol www.klm.com

Accommodation Enquiries

IVI Valencia own a couple of apartments close to the clinic where patients can stay and they have also negotiated preferential rates at some local hotels.

For more information and assistance with this please contact:

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