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TISSUE FORM

- What does DCD stand for?

ART FORM

1. **What does “Preservation of reproductive capacity” mean? Is it intended for social reasons, medical reasons or both?**

If the law in your country allows preservation for social reasons then yes, please, include the data. If you have separate data for "social preservation" and "medical preservation", please send them separately. If you don't, the total number of both (social + medical) will be good. We will specify that the number includes both.

2. **Does “Preservation of reproductive capacity” include all the oocytes and sperm cryopreservation procedures - as they are in the first table - or only those for social and medical reasons?**

The preservation of reproductive capacity table includes the oocytes and sperm cryopreservation procedures performed ONLY for social or/and medical reasons.

3. **Does “number of procedures of oocyte retrievals” – collected in the first table - mean I have to count the number of retrievals or the number of eggs collected? i.e. one pick up but 15 eggs.**

The data required is the number of pick-ups, so, for example, one "oocyte retrieval" (procedure).

4. **In the last row of the first table, by “number of procedures of embryo (or zygote) transfers (ET)(fresh and frozen)” do you mean the number of transfer procedures or the number of embryos or zygotes?**

We mean number of transfers.

5. **Why do you collect data about embryos and zygotes separately?**

There are countries where the law only allows cryopreservation of zygotes. The idea is to have separate information. If this is not the case in your country (and embryo and zygote freezing is performed) please send the total number and we will specify that the number includes both.

6. **Does “number of couples treated” mean number of couples who underwent IUI or IVF/ICSI treatment? I.E. If one couple underwent IUI or IVF/ICSI treatment 2 times yearly (in 2017) because of the failed first attempt, do we count that couple as 1 or 2 couples treated?**

You should count it as one couple.

7. **Does “number of oocyte retrievals” mean number of aspirations performed (with intention for IVF/ICSI treatment)?**

Yes, it does.

8. **Does “number of oocyte cryopreservation procedures” mean number of cryopreservation procedures of oocytes during IVF / ICSI treatment?**

Yes, it does.

9. **Does “number of cryopreservation procedures” refer to the number of cryopreservation procedures of oocytes (regardless of the number of frozen oocytes) because of excess oocytes and due to the delay of IVF/ICSI treatment (for medical or other reasons)?**

Yes, it does.

10. Does “number of sperm cryopreservation procedures” mean number of cryopreservation procedures of sperm during IVF/ICSI treatment?

Yes, it does.

11. Does “number of sperm cryopreservation procedures” refer to the number of cryopreservation procedures of sperm because of excess sperm samples during IVF/ICSI treatment and due to the delay of IVF/ICSI treatment (for medical or other reasons)?

Yes, it does.

12. Does “number of embryos cryopreservation procedures” mean the number of cryopreservation procedures of embryos freezing (regardless of the number of embryos) during IVF/ICSI treatments?

Yes, it does.

13. Does “number of embryos cryopreservation procedures” refer to the excess of embryos after IVF/ICSI treatment procedure and due to delayed transfer procedure after IVF/ICSI treatment (for medical or other reasons)?

Yes, it does.

14. Why do you ask for number of couples treated instead of cycles, as with any other ART activity?

It was decided to register the number of people treated (following lines in the table register relevant information on cycles).

15. Why do you ask for oocyte retrievals instead of invasive sperm collection procedures (TESA, PESA, MESA etc)?

Collecting clinical details is not the goal of this project.

16. By “number of oocyte cryopreservation procedures”, do you mean surplus oocyte preservation after IVF/ICSI only or all cryopreservation?

Only oocyte cryopreservation after partner IVF/ICSI.

17. By “number of sperm cryopreservation procedures”, do you mean surplus sperm preservation after IVF/ICSI only or all cryopreservation?

Only oocyte cryopreservation after partner IVF/ICSI

18. In the tables ART with non partner SPERM, OOCYTE and OOCYTES and SPERM donation, by “number of embryos or zygotes transfers (ET)” do you mean fresh and frozen combined or fresh only?

Yes, fresh and frozen.

19. In the tables ART with non partner SPERM, OOCYTE and OOCYTES and SPERM donation, what is the definition of “zygote”? Is it different from 2 PN embryos?

Zygotes and 2 PN embryos are the same.

TISSUE FORM

20. What does DCD stand for?

Only tissue donor OR non heart beating donor, without circulatory activity (the donor might have donated organs as well, but as a non heart beating donor).