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Assisted Reproduction Unit

Together we can make your dream come true!

Dear friends,

It is our principle that all women have the right to motherhood, if they wish so. Infertility, although more frequent nowadays, is no longer an unsurpassable obstacle. What is mostly required is detailed counseling of the couple, individualized treatment and the use of the latest scientific methods of assisted reproduction technology (ART).

Our Unit is not a mere observer of scientific developments . We are committed to applying evidence-based medicine on a daily basis and have an active involvement in the development of new guidelines, through our participation in key positions of ESHRE's (European Human Society Reproduction and Embryology) Special Interest Groups.

Our pioneering research, which is published in prestigious scientific journals and our numerous lecture invitations at International Congresses are testament to our contribution to the effectiveness and safety of IVF methods. The experience gained from our studies contribute to our top pregnancy rates, which are similar or even higher, than several renowned IVF Units in Europe and USA.

We believe in developing personal relationships with every couple who seeks our help. We are aware that psychological support is very important during the fragile time period of waiting for a positive outcome. We take into account the couple's personal circumstances and by using mild interventions we take advantage of these circumstances, to help nature run its course as much as possible.

I often tell my associates that each couple that comes through our doorstep places its hope in our hands. This does not happen very often in every day relationships and is not included in common clinical practice. It is a deeply human moment that gives us the courage to do everything possible in order to respond to your trust.

Together we can make dreams come true!

Tryfon G. Lainas MD, PhD Reproductive Gynecologist Director of Assisted Reproduction Unit Eugonia



Our Unit is designed to offer a functional, as well as comfortable and pleasant environment. Our aim is for you to feel comfortable and welcome from the first moment.

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OUR CLINIC

Eugonia Assisted Reproduction Unit is an **EN 15224 and ISO 9001** certified IVF clinic and licenced by the Greek National Authority of Assisted Reproduction. Eugonia is located in Athens, Greece and offers a comprehensive range of fertility services and investigations by an internationally-recognized, pioneering medical team.

With successful pregnancy rates **among the highest** to be found anywhere in the world, we are **committed to clinical and scientific excellence** and we provide personalized IVF treatments, using the most-up-to-date knowledge, technologies and techniques.

We rely on:

- Our highly qualified scientists and our specialized G experienced nursing staff.
- Our modern laboratory setup, based on the highest international standards.
- Our scientific collaborations with research centers & Universities in Greece & abroad.
- Our clinical research and frequent participation in Greek ${\rm G}$ international scientific conferences, campuses ${\rm G}$ seminars.

Our facilities include:

- Obstetrics and Gynecological Ultrasound department, equipped with cutting edge 3D, 4D imaging, which maximizes our diagnostic ability.
- Department of Office Hysteroscopy.
- Fully equipped state-of-the-art Embryology Laboratory.
- Andrology laboratory, designed to the highest standards.
- Oocyte, embryo and sperm Cryopreservation facility.
- Operating theatre for oocyte retrievals and embryo transfers.
- Three 2-bed recovery rooms.
- Sperm collection room.

The Embryology Laboratory and Operating theatre are ventilated via specialized systems that create a sterile controlled environment. In all clinical and laboratory procedures, non-toxic single-use materials are used, chosen for their high quality and effectiveness.



We speak your language

In Eugonia we successfully operate an International Patient Department.

Our dedicated International team consists of highly experienced fertility specialists, who will be by your side, to support you at every step of the way. From the day of your first contact with us, until the day you complete your treatment and return back home, we will strive to take care of all your needs.

Let's talk...

All our medical staff has a common goal: to have high success rates G continuous improvement.

OUR STAFF

Eugonia owes its success to the efficiency of its scientific team.

Our staff includes:

- Reproductive gynecologists with extensive experience in the fields of treatment and research of infertility, specialised in IVF, reproductive endocrinology and surgery, hysteroscopy and laser laparoscopic surgery.
- Embryologists with multiple years of experience in the best international fertility clinics, who are specialized in all the latest techniques, such as ICSI, FNA, TESE, blastocyst culture, embryo biopsy for PGT, assisted hatching as well as oocyte and embryo freezing.
- Specialized fertility nurses in IVF with extensive experience
- Experienced anesthesiologists
- Psychologists with postgraduate qualifications.
- Administration & reception staff with high professionalism

We are the first IVF unit Worldwide, with two of our lead specialists elected as Coordinators at ESHRE's most vital Special Interest Groups (Reproductive Endocrinology & Embryology), in fields that determine the course of scientific developments globally in Assisted Reproduction.



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OUR SERVICES

We deeply believe in overcoming infertility by choosing treatment options based on the individual medical history of each couple. We offer personalized treatment for all types of infertility.





IVF/ICSI



Donation programs



Egg freezing/ Fertility preservation



Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGS/PGD)



Hysteroscopy/Laparoscopy



Microsurgical testicular sperm extraction (TESE) / Testicular fine needle aspiration (FNA)



Blastocyst culture



Intrauterine insemination

We are not just following the developments in IVF. We define G co-modify them. And that's enough for you to trust us.





FERTILITY TREATMENT

In vitro fertilization (IVF) is the most commonly used method of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART). The indications for opting to embark on an IVF treatment with own eggs are both absolute and relative, concerning one or both partners:

Absolute indications

- Absence (following removal) or obstruction of fallopian tubes centrally or peripherally (hydrosalpinges).
- Absence of spermatozoa (azoospermia) requiring surgical retrieval.
- Very low number of motile normal spermatozoa (severe oligo-asteno-teratozo-ospermia).

Relative indications

- Long period of infertility
- Age
- Unexplained infertility
- Failure of other methods
- Severe endometriosis
- Preimplantation genetic diagnosis (PGD)







IVF WITH DONOR EGGS

At Eugonia we run a successful and **highly specialized egg donation program**, abiding by the Greece legislation and following strict ethical standards. Our program is patient-focused, deliberately avoiding the profile of large-scale donation programs.

The pregnancy rate with donor eggs at Eugonia is over 60%, offering our patients the best chance of fulfilling their dream of parenthood.

When is egg donation indicated?

Egg donation may be the only solution for many women who have been unable to conceive, but who wish to experience motherhood. It is a highly successful process of treating women who struggle with infertility whereby eggs from a donor are combined with sperm from either the recipient couple or a donor.

Egg donation can be recommended in cases of:

•Advanced maternal age

•Difficulty in achieving a pregnancy or multiple failed fertility treatments with your own eggs

•Premature ovarian failure due to chemo- or radio-therapy or other medical reasons

•Diminished ovarian reserve

•Diseases that can be genetically transmitted to your offspring

•Surgical removal of the ovaries



- Egg donors are **below 35 years of age**, of proven fertility & undergo extensive screening
- All donors are anonymous in accordance with the Greek -legislation
- No waiting lists
- All embryo transfers are performed at the blastocyst stage at no extra cost



FERTILITY PRESERVATION

Oocyte cryopreservation is a fertility preservation method for:

- women who wish to postpone having a child
- women with premature ovarian insufficiency
- women about to undergo chemo- or radio-therapy
- in cases where spermatozoa are absent in the semen sample
- in cases where testicular biopsy in the male partner is required on the day of the egg collection.

Oocyte cryopreservation **"stops the clock"** for women who wish to postpone having a child until later in their lives.

As oocyte quality is compromised with increased maternal age, it is important that egg cryopreservation occurs at a young age, ideally between 28 and 35 years old, although older women can also have their oocytes cryopreserved. Oocyte cryopreservation is performed during an IVF cycle following ovarian stimulation.

Recently, the method of vitrification has revolutionized oocyte cryopreservation and it is associated with high rates of oocyte survival, high fertilization rates, good embryo quality and high pregnancy rates.

MALE FACTOR INFERTILITY

Around 20-26% of couples' infertility is caused by male factors. A semen analysis is the main diagnostic method of male-related infertility. The quality of sperm can range from normal parameters to azoospermia (a complete absence of sperm cells).

In our clinic we treat male-related infertility successfully:

- Semen Analysis is performed by an embryologist and we offer consultation on the results.
- In cases of azoospermia a consultation with urologist is mandatory, to discuss patient prognosis and decide on the method of sperm retrieval. In Eugonia we collaborate with a specialized urologist and perform both FNA (fine needle aspiration) and TESE (testicular biopsy) on site. Sperm cryopreservation is offered for fertility preservation and other reasons (e.g. low sperm count).
- ICSI (Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection) is the method of choice for male-factor infertility. It has been used successfully since 1992 and can overcome almost all the barriers causing male-factor infertility as only one spermatozoon is used for every egg.

Thanks to the **new scientific methods G** their implementation under high quality standards, optimism becomes assurance for almost every infertile man - that he will fulfil his dream to parenthood.



Donor Sperm

In cases of severe azoospermia, when no sperm is found -neither in the ejaculate nor in the testicular biopsy -the use of donor sperm can be an option. Donor sperm can also be used in cases of single women wishing to undergo IVF treatment.

WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

We are a team of distinguished fertility specialists standing by your side throughout this journey with sincerity, professionalism and respect to your dream, giving you all the reasons to trust us:

- Our success rates are among the highest internationally
- Excellent quality of services and outstanding patient care
- State-of-the-art embryology laboratory, with advanced technological equipment
- Highly experienced fertility specialists with solid knowledge and expertise due to continuous scientific update and following the principles of evidence-based medicine
- Optimal, Patient–Friendly, Mild Stimulation Protocols (poor normal high responders)
- Licenced clinic with a European Code for transporting genetic material

Research partnerships

We have developed permanent research partnerships with exceptional Greek and foreign Educational Institutions, to perform original research studies that can improve the safety and the effectiveness of IVF treatment:

- Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- -Barts & Royal London University Hospital
- -University of New South Wales
- University of Nottingham

- Individualised treatment plans
- Contribution to the international scientific developments, through our research activity and through publishing original studies in high-impact scientific journals
- Dedicated International Patient Department
- Quality Management System (Certification EN 15224), which ensures your safety and our continuous improvement
- Performance under Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's)
- Licenced by the Greek National Authority of Assisted Reproduction both for the IVF unit G the cryopreservation facilities (eggs, sperm G embryos)



Award winning innovation G research programs by the European Union:

•Artificial Intelligence (AI) in embryos evaluation was awarded with the Seal of Excellence from the Horizon 2020 program.

•Predict OHSS by EIT Health InnoStars 2019 (European Institute of Innovation and Technology).

Our research work is important for you...

For us, research is not just a process. It is the way to continuous improvement in our clinical work. We are helping hundreds of people each year to experience the happiest moment of their lives. **The moment they become parents**.

Our research work translates into more than ...

- 50 Invited Lectures in Greek and International Conferences
- 30 Published studies in International Scientific Journals

(Human Reproduction, Fertility & Sterility. Ultrasound Obstetrics Gynecology, RBMOnline, BJOG, RB6E etc.)

- 20 Announcements in Greek Conferences
- -37 Lectures in Greek and International Conferences
- -16 Poster presentations in International Conferences

OUR SUCCESS RATES

Our continuous high success rates reflect our quality of services and our effort.



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