



# PALMETTO FERTILITY CENTER

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## IVF Success Rates 2008-2009

<b>Fresh Non Donor Eggs</b>					
<b>Fresh Embryos From Non Donor Eggs</b>	<b>Age of Woman (Years)</b>				
	<b>&lt;35</b>	<b>35-37</b>	<b>38-40</b>	<b>41-42</b>	<b>≥43</b>
Cycles Initiated	115	66	34	21	7
Egg Retrievals	113	66	32	17	7
Transfers	108	64	29	16	7
+ Bhcg <sup>1</sup> /ET	70.4%	60.9%	44.8%	18.8%	1/7
Clinical Pregnancy Rate <sup>2</sup> / ET	62.0%	48.4%	31.0%	12.5%	0%
Live Births/ET	50.1%	34.4%	27.6%	12.5%	0%
Percentage pregnancies with twins	36.4%	45.5%	25.0%	0%	0%
Percentage pregnancies with triplets	5.5%	9.1%	0%	0%	0%
Percentage live births with multiples	41.8%	54.5%	25.0%	0%	0%
Average # embryos transferred	2.4	2.7	3.0	3.1	4.3
Cancellation Rate <sup>3</sup>	3.5%	0%	9.5%	19%	0%

<b>Frozen Embryos Non Donor Eggs</b>					
<b>Frozen Embryos From Non Donor Eggs</b>	<b>Age of Woman (Years)</b>				
	<b>&lt;35</b>	<b>35-37</b>	<b>38-40</b>	<b>41-42</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Transfers	15	5	6	1	27
Live Birth / ET	8/15 (53.3%)	3/5 (60.0)	1/6 (16.7%)	1/1	48.1%
Average # of embryos transferred	1.9	1.8	3.3	3.0	

<b>Donor Egg Program</b>		
<b>Donor Egg</b>	<b>Fresh</b>	<b>Thawed</b>
Transfers	38	11
Live Births/ET	73.7%	(8/11) 72.7%
Percentage pregnancies with twins	42.1%	3/8 (37.5%)
Average # embryos transferred	2.0	2.2

1. +Bhcg denotes a positive blood pregnancy test per embryo transfer.
2. Clinical Pregnancy rate denotes those where ultrasound imaging confirms a gestational sac in the uterus per embryo transfer.
3. Cancellation rate denotes an ART cycle in which ovarian stimulation was carried out but was stopped before eggs were retrieved.

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION WHEN COMPARING STATISTICS TO ASSESS A CLINIC**

- **A comparison of clinic success rates may not be meaningful because patient medical characteristics and treatment approaches vary from clinic to clinic.** We encourage consumers considering ART to contact our clinic to discuss their specific medical situation and their potential for success using ART.
- **Some clinics see more than the average number of patients with difficult infertility problems.** Some clinics are willing to offer ART to most potential users, even those who have a low probability of success. Others discourage such patients or encourage them to use donor eggs, a practice that results in higher success rates among older women.
- **No reported success rate is absolute.** A clinic's success rates will vary from year to year, even if all determining factors remain the same.
- **Success rates are calculated per cycle rather than per patient.** Therefore, for patients who undergo both fresh and frozen cycles, success rates are calculated separately for each cycle. Clinics that have very good live birth rates with frozen embryos would have higher ART success rates if these births were included as successes from the original stimulated cycle. Consumers should look at both rates (for cycles using fresh embryos and for those using frozen embryos) when assessing a clinic's success rates.

For more information on interpreting success rates and ART in general, please visit the SART (Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology) website and view the [Patient's Guide to Assisted Reproductive Technology](#).