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PRESS RELEASE

Headline: A new national milestone - Canadian fertility treatment registry surpasses 50,000 cycles in a single year for the first time.

Calgary, Alberta, September 18th, 2026 – The Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society (CFAS) unveiled the latest findings from the Canadian Assisted Reproductive Technologies Register (CARTR Plus) during its 72nd Annual Meeting, held at the BMO Centre, Calgary.

The annual report includes data submitted by 41 fertility clinics across Canada and provides important insights into assisted reproductive technology (ART) treatment activity, outcomes, patient characteristics and emerging trends.

Presented in collaboration with BORN Ontario (Better Outcomes and Registry Network), the 2025 CARTR Plus Annual Report highlights several key findings:

- **Fertility treatment activity continued to increase:** Participating clinics reported **50,605** treatment cycles involving **32,302** patients in 2025. This is the first time more than 50,000 cycles initiated within a single calendar year have been submitted to the registry, reflecting growing demand for fertility services across Canada.
- **Live births following IVF treatment:** A total of **8,413 live births** following IVF treatment were reported across Canada in 2024, highlighting the important role of assisted reproduction in helping people build their families.
- **IVF accounted for a growing proportion of births:** In Ontario, **2.9%** of all live births in 2024 followed IVF treatment, up from 1.7% when birth outcome data were first collected in 2014.
- **Multiple live birth rates remained low:** The proportion of live births that were multiples remained very low (**3.4%** in 2024) reflecting the long-term shift toward single embryo transfer and safer birth outcomes.
- **Elective oocyte freezing continued to increase:** Clinics reported **1,944** elective oocyte retrievals in 2025. Approximately 40% of these procedures were among patients aged 35 to 37. This growth reflects increasing interest in reproductive planning and future family-building options.
- **Donor oocytes continued to support family building:** In 2024, **891** live births were reported following treatment using donor oocytes, demonstrating the important role of third-party reproduction in helping people build their families.
- **Clinical practice continued to evolve:** The use of preimplantation genetic testing for aneuploidy (PGT-A) increased from 20.5% of cycles in 2019 to **40.7%** in 2025. Freeze-all strategies were used in 83.3% of applicable cycles, while 93.1% of frozen embryo transfer cycles involved a single embryo transfer. Meanwhile, the use of endometrial receptivity array (ERA) testing declined to 1.7%, and assisted hatching declined to 30.2%, consistent with evolving clinical practice recommendations.
- **Provincial funding programs continued to support access to fertility services:** In 2025, **5,466** patients in Ontario and **3,606** patients in Québec received provincial funding for



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IVF treatment. In 2024, provincial funding was associated with 1,228 live births in Ontario and 754 in Québec.

“High-quality national data are essential to understanding how fertility care is changing across Canada. CARTR Plus allows us to identify important trends, evaluate clinical practices and provide evidence that can support patient care, guide clinical practice and inform policy.” said Dr. Neal Mahutte, reproductive endocrinology and infertility specialist and Co-Chair of the CARTR Plus Steering Committee.

“Surpassing 50,000 treatment cycles in one year is an important milestone. It reflects both the growing demand for fertility services and the commitment of clinics across Canada to high-quality data,” said Dr. Jason Hitkari, reproductive endocrinology and infertility specialist and Co-Chair of the CARTR Plus Steering Committee.

The CARTR Plus Annual Report is available at [CARTR Annual Reports](#)

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