

Human Assisted Reproduction 2008 Live Birth Rates for Canada



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The Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society (CFAS) today released the eighth annual nation-wide results on assisted human reproduction success rates in Canada. The CFAS reports that the data are very reassuring for Canadians. The rates of pregnancy and live birth in the country's fertility clinics are on par with other national registries, including the United States. The complication rate remains low.

Under the leadership of the CFAS and the IVF Medical Directors of Canada, all in vitro fertilization (IVF) centres in Canada voluntarily participated in the collection of nationwide data on the results of assisted reproduction. The data were presented at the 11th annual meeting of the Directors of Canadian IVF Centres, held in Calgary AB, under the auspices of the CFAS.

Live birth rates were reported for a combined total of 8278 IVF treatment cycles (including intracytoplasmic sperm injection [ICSI]) undertaken in all 25 IVF centres in Canada in 2006. There were 2314 IVF/ICSI treatment cycles performed in Western Canada, 4321 cycles in Ontario, 1446 cycles in Quebec, and 197 cycles in Atlantic Canada.

The overall live birth rate was 27% per cycle started
70% of births were singletons.

95% of the multiple births were twins.

The live birth rates by age of the mother were:

for women under 35 years old, the live birth rate was 34%

for women aged 35-39 years, the live birth rate was 26%

for women 40 years old and over, the live birth rate was 11%.

The proportion of babies with congenital anomalies was not different from that in the population of women conceiving naturally.

The miscarriage rate was 15% per clinical intrauterine pregnancy, which is also in keeping with the overall miscarriage rate for natural conceptions.

Preliminary results were reported for a combined total of 9019 IVF/ICSI treatment cycles undertaken in all 26 IVF centres in Canada in 2007:

The overall pregnancy rate was 35% per cycle started, an increase of 9 percentage points since 1999 when data collection was first performed.

Complications occurred in fewer than 2% of treatment cycles.

68% of pregnancies were singletons.

92% of multiple pregnancies were twins.

As expected, the woman's age had a strong influence on pregnancy rate:

for women under 35 years old, the pregnancy rate was 43%

for women aged 35-39 years, the pregnancy rate was 33%

for women 40 years old and over, the pregnancy rate was 18%.

Live birth rates for assisted human reproduction cycles started in 2007 will be released when they become available.

The CFAS makes these data available for reference and education. The information should be reviewed together with an appropriate healthcare professional. Results vary by centre and specific information can be obtained from each centre. A list of the participating IVF centres is available on request through the CFAS.

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