

CONCEPTION OPTIONS FOR PARENTING PARTNERS

Method of Conception	Cost in U.S. (Insurance coverage may apply)	Complexity	Degree of Medical Assistance Needed	Likelihood of Pregnancy*	Relevance for Parenting Partners	Comments
Intercourse ("Natural Insemination")	None	Low	None	12-15% likelihood of pregnancy in a given month	The physical intimacy may be socially uncomfortable or awkward for non-romantic parenting partners	Success rate assumes both partners have no infertility issues and the timing is optimal
Home Insemination	Minimal \$5-\$40	Low	None	15% per monthly attempt	The most common first step for pregnancy attempts among parenting partners	Success rate assumes both partners have no infertility issues, the timing is optimal, and the technique is appropriate
Intrauterine Insemination ("IUI")	Low \$200-\$400	Low	Low	10-25% per monthly attempt	May be a first step for parenting partners where medical intervention is desired; note that some states require medical intervention to cut off a known donor's legal rights to the child	Success rate depends on the age of the woman, quality of sperm and whether supplemental fertility medications are employed
In-Vitro Fertilization ("IVF")	Moderate \$12,000	Moderate	Moderate	20-75% per attempt	May be used by parenting partners when simpler options don't work	Success rate varies greatly due to several factors, the most important being the age of the woman and skill level of clinic performing the procedure
IVF With Egg Donation	Moderate/High \$25,000-\$30,000	High	High	70% per attempt	An option for parenting partners where the woman cannot use her own eggs (e.g., older age)	Just slightly less effective than surrogacy, as the uterus of an older woman may be slightly less successful with implantation
IVF With Egg Donation + Surrogacy	High \$80-\$120,000	High	High	75% per attempt	An option for parenting partners where the woman cannot use her own eggs and / or cannot carry her child to birth	Success rate assumes use of optimal quality eggs from an egg donor; if the surrogate is carrying the eggs of an older woman, this rate will be much lower

**These rates assume ideal fertility conditions - i.e., both partners are fertile and that they time their pregnancy attempts appropriately. Factors that may lower ideal conditions include (1) older age; (2) whether other fertility issues exist; (3) whether fertility drugs are used; (4) quality of the sperm; (5) choice of fertility clinic. These rates also assume the implantation of 2 embryos; rates may be somewhat lower if only one embryo is used.*