

Intra Uterine Insemination (IUI)

Policy: For those couples that the treating clinician feels appropriate, the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) will fund up to 1 cycle of Intra Uterine Insemination. Patients will be treated in line with the CCGs' Assisted Conception Policy. The CCGs accept that it may not always be possible to identify the precise nature of the medical reason and thus requires couples to demonstrate this by showing that they have failed to conceive after regular unprotected sexual intercourse for 2 years. Couples that are able to demonstrate this and fulfil the following criteria will be eligible for tertiary infertility treatments under this agreement.

All other treatments that may be required before or after couples are referred for IUI treatment are not covered by this policy.

Eligibility Criteria:

- No previous IUI/ IVF cycles within this relationship
- No previous NHS part funded cycles within this relationship where three cycles of fertility drugs have been prescribed on the NHS

Woman's Age	23 – 39 years (IUI Treatment must take place before the females 40 th birthday)
Man's Age	55 years or younger
Woman's BMI	>19 BMI <30
Man's BMI	BMI <30
Welfare of Child	The welfare of any resulting children is paramount. In order to take into account the welfare of the child, the centre should consider factors, which are likely to cause serious physical psychological or medical harm, either to the child to be born or to any existing children of the family. This is a requirement of the licensing body, Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority.
Family Structure	No living children from current or previous relationship(s), including adopted children, but excluding foster children. There needs to be an explicit and recorded assessment that the social circumstances of the family unit have been considered within the context of the assessment of the welfare of the child.
Smoking	The woman must not be a current smoker
Previous sterilisation of either partner	Treatment will not be offered to couples who have been previously sterilised

IUI treatments must be completed within 6 months, with the first cycle commencing no later than 17 weeks after referral. Couples will be eligible for one abandoned cycle as part of their treatment. The establishment of the access criteria should be undertaken by the patients GP before onward referral to the appropriate provider for further investigations and treatment.

Cause of infertility:

- No Tubal damage: or Tubal Surgery
- Fully investigated infertility considered to be amenable to IUI and unexplained sub fertility
- Neither partner has had a sterilisation;
- The woman must be rubella immune;
- Weight BMI (Body Mass Index) <30 for both partners;

Treatments which are undertaken without prior approval will not be funded

Procedure codes: various on case by case basis

Rationale

- See guidelines from East Midlands Specialised Commissioning Group

CCGs adopted East Midlands policy from April 2013, which is currently under review		References	
Adopted by CCGs	April 2013	Equity and diversity	No implications
To be reviewed	April 2017	Prior approval status	Red