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Waverley Private Hospital to open new IVF Fertility Centre

Waverley Private Hospital heralds a new era in women's health, offering the local community living or working in Melbourne's south eastern suburbs even easier access to world class fertility treatment, all under one roof, with the commencement of building works for a new state of the art IVF fertility centre.

Melbourne IVF, widely recognized as one of Australia's leading programs for in-vitro fertilization (IVF), will be offering the latest breakthrough fertility treatments from the new facility, co-located at Waverley Private Hospital from March 2012, supported by a local team of fertility specialists, nursing, administration, and counselling services.

Melbourne IVF fertility specialists will offer consulting from the new centre, which will also incorporate a day surgery and embryology laboratory, allowing patients undergoing fertility treatment to benefit from undertaking the majority of their procedures onsite, including ultrasound scans, blood tests, egg collection and embryo transfer procedures. The centre will also continue to offer a specialised male fertility testing service, currently providing routine semen analysis and collection of semen samples for IVF, sperm freezing and surgical sperm collection, which is a unique service for this area.

Waverley Private Hospital CEO Jill Gleeson is delighted. "Waverley Private Hospital has a proud 40 year history providing for the healthcare needs of our community, and the introduction of IVF compliments our renowned maternity, urogynaecology and gynaecology services. We are so excited to be able to assist more local couples and individuals realise their dream of starting a family and supporting them through their entire reproductive journey, before, during and after their pregnancy. Patients undergoing fertility treatment will benefit from being able to undertake all of their treatment locally, avoiding the inconvenience of travelling to different facilities, during what can be a very emotional and stressful time."

The introduction of IVF services at Waverley Private Hospital has been driven by the strong demand for advanced fertility treatments. In Australia, one in five couples face the prospect of undertaking some form of fertility treatment, with 30 per cent of these couples needing IVF. According to figures released by the Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, the take-up rate of assisted reproductive technologies, such as IVF treatment, has risen significantly over the past five years, with the number of people accessing IVF increasing by 50 percent.

Glen Waverley mum Melinda Roberts, a patient with Melbourne IVF since 2008 delivered both her sons Thomas 3, and Matthew 4 months at Waverley Private Hospital. *"The affiliation between Melbourne IVF and Waverley Private Hospital will benefit so many people, who will now be able to access fertility treatments and appointments all from the one place, and so close to home. Going through the highs and lows of IVF treatment is challenging enough without having to coordinate multiple appointments around town – especially with a toddler in tow!"*

Enquiries

The new Melbourne IVF clinic will be located at Waverley Private Hospital, 343-357 Blackburn Road Mt Waverley VIC 3149. Melbourne IVF, <http://www.mivf.com.au> PH: 1800 111 483.

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