

## IVF Cycle Checklist

**Ensure that any remaining tests** ordered by A/Professor Cooper are undertaken without delay. Some tests results (in particular blood testing for chromosomes- "karyotype") can take up to three weeks for results to be issued.

If you haven't already done so, **book your nurse interview** by calling Genea Kent Street, Sydney CBD, on 9299 6420, or Genea Norwest, Bella Vista on (02) 8919 8000.

**Read the information carefully** that A/Professor Cooper and the nurses from Genea have given you, in particular the consent forms. If you have any questions or concerns about any aspects of treatment his nursing team can usually clarify these by calling Genea on (02) 9229 6420. (Norwest 8919 8000). Alternatively call Kathy in A/Professor Michael Cooper's rooms on (02) 9233 3546

Ensure that you have a **current valid referral** from your GP or outside specialist addressed to A/Professor Michael Cooper. ***The referral must be dated before the first day of your IVF cycle or Medicare will not reimburse your cycle- resulting in a cycle fee around 2-3 times the cost to you*** of what it would otherwise be. Remember that referrals from another specialist to A/Professor Cooper are valid for only three months whereas referrals from a general practitioner can be valid for a year or more (the GP will nominate the time frame on the referral letter).

**Consider whether you wish to have genetic screening** using an external provider such as Counsyl (<https://www.counsyl.com>. A/Professor Cooper's code is 4NN6N4QQH6X9). This testing looks for common conditions that may be quietly carried by individuals but can then cause a significant abnormality in a baby if both parents unknowingly carry the same quiet tendency (these are called recessive conditions). Example of common "quiet" carriage include cystic fibrosis (carried by 1 in 25 Caucasians), Thalassaemia and Tay-Sach's disease.

A/Professor Michael Cooper always has appropriate cover when he is away (usually either Dr Gabrielle Dezrnavlds in the city or Dr Antony Lighten at Norwest) so you can start your IVF cycle at any time. However, you can find out when A/Prof.Cooper is likely to be away by calling his rooms. Please note that dates can change at short notice.

Further information is available on <http://www.genea.com.au/assisted-conception>

## Useful Contacts

Your **Genea Nurse Coordinators** can answer your questions, guide you through all the clinical aspects of your treatment and liaise on your behalf with Dr Lighten. You can speak with the **Scientists** involved with your cycle once they have your precious embryos in their care.

<b>City Nursing Team:</b>	Branka Baker	<b>Norwest:</b>	Kathleen, Kerrie, Janeace & Natalie
<b>Scientists:</b>	Anjali Koshy, Helen Jardak		Tina, Eve and Angela
<b>Tel:</b>	(02) 9229 6420		(02) 8919 8000
<b>Email:</b>	dteam@genea.com.au		northwestnurses@genea.com.au

Your **Patient Relationship Coordinators** will help you with everything else – things like costs, payments and Medicare claims.

<b>Tel:</b>	(02) 9229 6420
<b>Email:</b>	patientrelationshipcoordinator@genea.com.au

After hour emergency number you can call after hours, seven days a week. There's more information on when to call listed below.

**Genea:** 0414 363 679