

WHERE CAN WOMEN RECEIVE UNLIMITED IVF TREATMENTS?



Israel is the IVF World Capital

Jewish and Arab, straight and gay, secular and religious, the patients who come to Assuta Hospital in Tel Aviv every day are united by a single hope: that medical science will bring them a baby. Israel is the world

capital of in vitro fertilization and the hospital, which performs about 7,000 of the procedures each year, is one of the busiest fertilization clinics in the world.

Unlike countries where couples can go broke trying to conceive with the assistance of costly medical technology, Israel provides free, unlimited IVF procedures for up to two "take home babies" until a woman is 45.

"The unique thing about Israel is that it's a high-tech culture on the one hand and a very traditional one on the other," said Sigal Gooldin, a Hebrew University medical sociologist who has studied IVF regulation in Israel. "It's not just because of the fear of losing children in high-risk military activity, it's because family is an extremely important social institution in Israel." Israel's facilitation of in vitro fertilization serves as another

example of the country's contributions to the health care field. Israel provides access to IVF as well as other medical services to patients regardless of ethnicity, religion, and sexual orientation.

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