

**Orange County Fertility Center Banks on Frozen Eggs
West Coast Fertility Centers is Among First Centers to Offer Egg Banking**

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FOUNTAIN VALLEY, Calif.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--July 22, 2005--Women delaying childbirth or searching for a more cost-effective means of obtaining donor eggs can now take advantage of an egg bank at West Coast Fertility Centers in Fountain Valley. As reported by MSNBC news on July 20, 2005, there are only a few specialized fertility centers offering egg freezing as an option to infertility patients.

After years of research and testing, West Coast has perfected the process of freezing, thawing and fertilizing a woman's eggs. The fertility center is among the first community fertility centers -- not a research trial study -- in the state to achieve a pregnancy from previously frozen eggs. The Center's patient is in her second trimester of a healthy pregnancy.

While egg freezing is a relatively new development in fertility options, egg banking is just being introduced in fertility centers. Dr. David Diaz, founder of West Coast Fertility Center explains that, "Egg banking, much like sperm banking, opens many doors for women who delay pregnancy or who seek a more practical and economical means of obtaining donated eggs." He also said, "Some patients prefer egg freezing versus embryo freezing for religious and ethical reasons." As men have done for years with sperm freezing, egg freezing can expand a woman's options of preserving her eggs while they are healthy and plentiful.

An advantage to egg freezing for those women who require donor eggs is lower costs because the patient can share the cost of donated eggs with other patients. Additionally, with frozen eggs, the timing for ovulation and implantation among the donor and recipient will not need to coincide, making the process much less complicated. West Coast Fertility Centers is currently seeking egg donors for their newly established egg bank.

Established in 1988, West Coast Fertility Centers is one of the largest and most established fertility centers in Orange County. Dr. Diaz has pioneered many unique services and techniques related to implantation failure, egg freezing, gender selection and surgery to preserve fertility. The Center is based in Fountain Valley with offices in Fullerton and Irvine. For more information, call 714-513-1399 or visit www.EggFreezing.com.