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BOURN HALL UNWRAPS ITS COLCHESTER CLINIC

Record pregnancy rates are a great present for staff and patients

Bourn Hall celebrates the official opening of its Colchester clinic with the announcement of record pregnancy success rates. On Saturday 24th April, clinic staff, fertility consultants and patients will ‘unwrap’ the former Isis Fertility Centre, which has been rebranded and invigorated since its acquisition by Bourn Hall in November 2009.

Mike Macnamee, Chief Executive for the Bourn Hall Group that includes both the Colchester and Cambridgeshire clinics, is delighted with the results.

“Since the early days, when pioneers Steptoe and Edwards founded the world’s first IVF clinic at Bourn Hall, it has been our goal to offer patients a better than 50 percent chance of success, which is far higher than that of natural conception. These results show we have moved closer to that target.”

One reason for the achievement is thought to be the wider use of a technique called blastocyst culture – which is when embryo transfer is delayed for a few days – this has resulted in a 50.7 percent pregnancy rate at Bourn Hall for women under 37.

Mike says “This is fantastic when you consider that the best IVF had to offer back in the early 80s was a 10% chance of pregnancy. We’ve come a long way since those early pioneering days both in terms of our success rates and accessibility of fertility treatment.”

Clare Lewis-Jones MBE, Chief Executive of Infertility Network UK said “The emotional and physical impact of infertility is often vastly underestimated. It is vital that patients have access to the best form of treatment offering them the best chances of success hopefully avoiding repeated cycles. Increases in success rates at IVF clinics gives huge hope to couples and I wish Bourn Hall Colchester continued success”



The overall Bourn Hall clinical pregnancy rate has increased by four percent over the last year across all treatment areas.

Sarah Pallett, Clinic Manager at the Colchester clinic, and was part of the team at the former Isis Fertility Centre which was acquired by Bourn Hall in November 2009.

“We attract patients from across Essex, North London and South Suffolk and we have had enthusiastic feedback since the clinic became part of Bourn Hall. The fresh new look has been invigorating and the record results are a wonderful reward for all our work. For me, the most rewarding aspect has been the additional know-how and expertise we can now deliver to our patients by being part of the long established Bourn Hall team,

Dr Efstathios Diakos, newly appointed Lead Clinician at Bourn Hall Colchester comments,

“The results have been very encouraging with an increase in success rates across all our treatment areas. I am particularly pleased with the success rates of our blastocyst technique. Letting the embryos grow for longer allows the embryologist to have more information when deciding which embryo to return to the patient. The results for all patients have been excellent.”

Bourn Hall Group now has two clinics in the East of England. The world’s first IVF Clinic based in Bourn, Cambridgeshire and the new clinic in Colchester, Essex.

The Colchester clinic provides a full fertility service and is the first fully owned satellite clinic to be established by Bourn Hall.

Sarah Pallett, says, “We extend a warm Bourn Hall welcome to both private and NHS funded patients here in Colchester”.

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About Bourn Hall Clinic www.bourn-hall-clinic.co.uk

Bourn Hall Clinic, the world's first and best-known assisted conception clinic, was established in 1980 by Patrick Steptoe and Robert Edwards, the pioneers of IVF.

Through innovative thinking the clinic maintains a leading role in the field.

The Colchester Clinic is based at Charter Court, Newcomen Way, Colchester, Essex, CO4 9YA