



## FAST FACTS ON INFERTILITY

- ☑ Infertility is the inability to conceive after one year of trying with unprotected intercourse for couples under 35 and six months of trying for couples over 35, or the inability to carry a pregnancy to term
- ☑ Approximately 15% of couples, or one in six, are faced with infertility
- ☑ In approximately one-third of cases, the cause of infertility is traced back to the female. A male factor is attributed in about one-third of infertility cases. In one-third of couples faced with infertility, the cause is attributed to both female and male factors.
- ☑ In 15% of infertility cases, the cause remains unexplained after extensive testing
- ☑ 85-90% of infertility cases are treatable with medical therapies such as drug treatment or surgical repair of reproductive organs
- ☑ Treatments commonly recommended for infertility include ovulation induction, intrauterine insemination (IUI), surgery and in vitro fertilization (IVF)
- ☑ 6.1 million people in the United States are affected by infertility
- ☑ Since in vitro fertilization (IVF) was introduced in the United States in 1981, more than 45,000 babies have been born in America from IVF and more than 70,000 have been born from all assisted reproductive technologies. Worldwide, nearly one million babies have been born as a result of IVF.
- ☑ Of the live births resulting from IVF, 50% have been singletons, 24% twins and 5% triplets
- ☑ A board certified Reproductive Endocrinologist (RE) is an Obstetrician-Gynecologist with advanced education (usually a two-year fellowship) who has undertaken research in Reproductive Endocrinology