

### SPRING NEWSLETTER



# Andrology Update

The Hull Andrology Unit

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We are now ISO15189 accredited

### User feedback

Our online questionnaire is ongoing and can be accessed at

www.surveymonkey.com/r/gphullandrology2016

with the *chance to win a box of Hotel Chocolat*. Closing date is 31/05/16.

## Are you wondering how to refer your patients for IVF treatment?

The Hull IVF Unit treats both *funded* and *private* patients. The referral process differs, with a simple guide below. If you or your patients would like more information please visit our website:

www.hullivf.org.uk/your-journey/referral-process

#### <u>Funded</u>

Patients are referred to the NHS Subfertility Clinic at Hull Royal Infirmary. In order for the patients to be seen, the GP must attach appropriate results to the referral, including a semen evaluation & female investigations. Patients are reviewed & further investigated followed by a plan for treatment at the Hull IVF Unit.

#### **Private**

GPs can send a referral for treatment directly to the Hull IVF Unit. On receipt of this, the Unit will send an appointment pack directly to the patient.

Please remember – we require the correct request card (found on our website) & 3 patient identifiers to ensure accuracy when reporting e.g. Name, DOB, NHS number

## Sunscreen & semen results

Initial research at the University of Copenhagen has shown that UV filters used within sunscreen may alter the functionality of a sperm and have been labelled as potential 'endocrine disruptors'.

Behind the mechanism of action it is thought that the UV filters cause an inappropriate surge in calcium ions with *some* UV filters affecting sperm motility and viability.

This study is in the early stages and requires clinical studies and publishing in a peer-reviewed journal.



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