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Andrology Update

The Hull Andrology Unit

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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:

<https://www.hullivf.org.uk/getting-started/the-referral-process/>

Funded

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 – a GP name & surgery in order to report the results of the test. This cannot include locum GPs.

Patient feedback

Overall a very positive response to the Andrology unit by patients. However, patients were not aware of our Twitter page and do not access the website where useful information is available. This would benefit from encouragement by GPs.

Zika virus and assisted reproduction

The widely publicised Zika virus and the associated foetal abnormalities pose a risk when embarking on fertility treatment due to the risk of sexual transmission.

Currently the Centre for Disease Control recommends infected men waiting 6 months and infected women waiting 8 weeks prior to attempting a pregnancy. However, when choosing to embark on fertility treatment, the Hull IVF Unit states that we cannot treat anyone who has been to an at risk country in the last 6 months. This can cause distress to the patients and therefore it is advisable to make them aware of the risks and advice at the earliest opportunity.

For the latest update on Zika virus transmission areas please follow this link: http://ecdc.europa.eu/en/healthtopics/zika_virus_infection/zika-outbreak/Pages/Zika-countries-with-transmission.aspx

