

Minutes

Meeting of ACART and Fertility New Zealand to discuss ACART's proposed advice to the Minister of Health on the use of cryopreserved ovarian tissue

Date 1 July 2016
Time 3.30 – 4.30 pm
Location Ortolana Café, Auckland
Present Anita Killeen, Fertility New Zealand
Jonathan Darby, ACART
Martin Kennedy, ACART Secretariat (scribe)

Welcome

1. Attendees introduced themselves and Martin summarised why ACART is doing this work.

Discussion

2. Anita stated that Fertility New Zealand (FNZ) unanimously agrees with ACART's proposed advice. FNZ agrees that the use of cryopreserved ovarian tissue should be introduced as an established procedure.
3. Martin explained the process for ACART from here and Anita said she would convey this information to the FNZ board.
4. There was a brief discussion about if and how the procedure could be funded if it becomes an established procedure. Fertility New Zealand noted the importance of ensuring that separate funding is allocated for consumers to have this procedure undertaken (separate to the funding that is allocated for IVF treatments for example).
5. There was a brief discussion about where the procedure could be done and the possible need for subsequent reimplantation two to three years after an initial reimplantation.
6. FNZ was satisfied that all risks have been identified and the level of risk is acceptable.

Unrelated topic

7. FNZ were interested to know how the Ministry was progressing with its work on the import and export of gametes and embryos.
8. Martin explained that the Ministry has the topic on its work programme and that progress has been slower than expected due to other work taking priority. The Ministry (ACART Secretariat) will keep the sector abreast of the Ministry's progress.

End.