

Dear Patients,

We are excited to announce the opening of CCRM-Orange County (CCRM-OC), a world-class IVF Center located at 3501 Jamboree Road, Suite 450 in Newport Beach, 949-531-6331. Our goal is to provide our patients with a more integrated and comprehensive infertility treatment experience. To learn about our new center, please see our press release <http://www.prweb.com/releases/2015/01/prweb12479749.htm>.

If you were under Dr. Kan's care prior to February 2015 and have previously frozen embryos, eggs, and/or sperm; then they are stored at Southern California Institute of Reproductive Science (SCIRS) at 361 Hospital Road, Suite 444, Newport Beach, 949-642-5954. If you plan to have more fertility treatment with Dr. Kan then your stored tissue should be transported to our new facility, CCRM-OC.

**Please allow two weeks to complete the paperwork and tissue transport. In an effort to facilitate this process, we have outlined some things that you should know.**

1) Steps to transport your tissue:

- Complete SCIRS "Cryopreserved Tissue Transfer Release" consent form.
  - ◆ Both partners MUST be present at SCIRS for a witnessed signature
  - ◆ If both parties are NOT able to be present to sign, then a notarized signature is acceptable.
  - ◆ Make payment to SCIRS (\$250).
- Complete CCRM-OC "Transfer of Cryopreserved Embryos to CCRM Orange County" Consent
- If PGS was performed, then complete CCRM-OC "Addendum to Embryo Transport Consent – Use of Embryos Biopsied and Analyzed by an Outside Laboratory"

2) Options to transport your tissue:

- Transport them yourself from SCIRS to CCRM-OC: Using a special transport device borrowed from the inbound laboratory (CCRM OC), you can pick-up your own tissue and transport it directly. Call SCIRS to schedule a time and date, then call CCRM OC to arrange the tank pick up.
- Hire a specialized insured courier service, Cryoport, to assist transport for you (estimate added \$450).

**Q:** Why do my partner and I both have to be physically present to sign the "transfer release" paperwork?

**A:** This policy protects patients from having their tissue moved without their permission. Alternatively, you can use a notary.

**Q:** If I am planning IVF treatment using my previously stored tissue, then do I have to move my tissue from SCIRS to CCRM-OC?

**A:** No - you can keep your tissue at SCIRS. However, Dr. Moayeri will be doing procedures at CCRM-OC and you may need to transfer care to a physician who does procedures at SCIRS. Please feel free to discuss this with Dr. Moayeri or her staff.

**Q:** Is it safe to transport embryos/eggs/ sperm between different embryology labs?

**A:** This is a common process guided by strict policies to ensure tissue safety. Risks are minimal given the short travel distance between labs.

**Q:** What is the \$250 fee paid to SCIRS for?

**A:** This fee covers the cost of the transfer tank, as well as administrative and coordination costs.

Our intention is to make this transition as simple as possible; while still maintaining high-quality, safe, and confidential patient care. If you have questions or concerns about the process or costs, then please reach out to our office: 949-222-1290.