

12.1.11.1 PROTOCOLS FOR COUPLES ADHERING TO CATHOLIC PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES

Principles: All gametes to be collected in a natural manner.
All gametes to be treated with respect.
No gametes to be used for research or donation purposes.
All gametes to be allowed to achieve their fertilizing and growth potential.

Procedures

- 1 All couples are to be able to undertake the GIFT procedure without any clinical risks.
- 2 All men to collect their semen samples, using SEMINAL COLLECTION DEVICE (SCD). This is a non toxic sheath with semen to be collected through normal intercourse. The SCD is to be given to men who are told to insert a hole in the end with a pin, before use, to allow sperm the opportunity of fertilizing the oocyte (egg) naturally.
- 3 Such sperm as are required, are to be washed in the normal manner.
- 4 The oocytes to be used in the GIFT procedure are to be loaded into the catheter followed by an air bubble followed by the required sperm. The bubble is to separate the oocytes and sperm preventing fertilisation until they are deposited into the fallopian tube.
- 5 Surplus oocytes and sperm may be placed in the vagina immediately after the GIFT procedure at the patients discretion.
- 6 This methodology to be confirmed with all Catholic couples before entry onto the GIFT programme.