

Talk is cheap

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As assisted reproductive techniques have improved, I have found that the role of the Urologist has diminished in the treatment of infertile couples. The pressures of reproduction cause significant disturbances in these couples and many would benefit from counseling. A successful treatment program should include onsite nurse educators

or counselors to support couples through these stressful investigations and procedures. This will increase the costs to prospective parents, but as a father of four can attest to, even in vitro fertilization is cheap compared with the expenditures for the next 18 years.

Male infertility: Is there hope?

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As we saw in the previous issue of the *Journal of Sexual & Reproductive Medicine*, the management and evaluation of the infertile couple have undergone tremendous changes since the first successful in vitro fertilization (IVF) pregnancy 24 years ago. IVF techniques have improved and become more reliable, and these new techniques now allow us to either use a single sperm from the ejaculate semen or to harvest a single sperm directly from the genital tract to

inseminate the ovula (ICSI). These techniques give men, for whom it was impossible 10 years ago to induce a pregnancy, the opportunity to have children of their own. This second issue of the *Journal* that focuses on infertility will allow the reader to better understand the difficulties that a couple who is dealing with infertility has to go through and the importance of the decisions that the couple has to make in order to have a child.

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