

FAMILY BEGINNINGS, P.C.
ASSISTED EMBRYO HATCHING

We, _____ and _____ authorize Family Beginnings IVF lab to perform Assisted Embryo Hatching in conjunction with our in vitro fertilization cycle.

PURPOSE: Assisted embryo hatching involves the creation of a small hole in the outer covering (zona pellucida) of the embryo. The small hole is made by applying an acidic solution to the zona with a very small needle. By creating such a small hole, it may increase the possibility that the embryo will implant in the uterus and result in pregnancy. Patients who may benefit from this procedure are:

- 1.) Patients that are 38 years or older.
- 2.) Patients that have failed to become pregnant in at least two previous ART attempts.
- 3.) Patients who are having frozen-thawed embryos transferred.
- 4.) Patients who have embryos with abnormally thick zona pellucida.

BENEFITS: Assisted embryo hatching may increase the possibility that an embryo will implant and result in pregnancy.

RISKS: Assisted embryo hatching does not impose any additional risks to either partner over those of standard IVF. Potential risks include a small (approximately 0.5%) risk of loss and/or irreversible damage to the embryo during the hatching procedure. Pregnancy may not occur even if assisted embryo hatching is performed.

We further understand that factors out of the control of Family Beginnings, P.C. and James Donahue, M.D., e.g. loss of power, mechanical failure, human error or other unavoidable circumstances, may result in loss of embryos.

We have read this consent form, and understand its contents. We have had the opportunity to ask any questions we have concerning this procedure, and they have been answered to our satisfaction. We understand that results from our procedure may be reported to governmental agencies and/or used in scientific publications, and that our identities will be kept confidential. By signing this document we consent to having embryo hatching performed.

Signature (patient)

Date

Signature (partner)

Date

Witness

Date