

Moral issues raised by IVF

Sanctity of the marriage	<p>If egg and/or sperm are donated, is this akin to adultery?</p> <p>Will IVF replace sex?</p>
Un-natural?	<p>Not the way God intended</p> <p>May lead to 'weaker' sperm fertilising eggs</p>
Eugenics	<p>Allows pre-implantation genetic diagnosis</p> <p>Allows you to choose eggs/sperm from fitter, more intelligent people</p>
Cost	<p>Only wealthy people can afford multiple attempts</p> <p>Availability on the NHS means money not spent on saving lives</p>
Success rate	<p>Only 20% effective, costing time and money</p> <p>IVF pregnancies have a lower success rate, meaning that more implanted embryos die</p> <p>Can give couples false hope</p> <p>Can prolong and intensify the pain of childlessness</p> <p>May leave couples too old to adopt</p>
Availability	<p>Should it be available to lesbian couples?</p> <p>Under what conditions should it be available on the NHS?</p> <p>Should there be age restrictions?</p>
Rights of the child	<p>Should the child be told how it was born?</p> <p>What ties are there with egg or sperm donors?</p>
Spare embryos	<p>How many spare embryos should you produce?</p> <p>Can spare embryos be frozen?</p> <p>Can spare embryos be experimented on?</p> <p>Is killing a spare embryo murder?</p>
Consent?	<p>Can sperm be taken from a dead partner and used to produce a child?</p> <p>What happens if an embryo is frozen and the husband changes his mind?</p>
Mistakes	<p>What happens if embryos get mixed up?</p> <p>What happens if embryos get lost, stolen or accidentally destroyed?</p>
Commercialisation	<p>Eggs/sperm are sold on the internet</p>