

WHO Fact sheet on Infertility (14-09-20)

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The World Health Organization fact sheet on infertility gives a short overview of the global problem of infertility including etiology, burden of disease and access to fertility care. WHO recognizes that the provision of high-quality services for family-planning, including fertility care services, is one of the core elements of reproductive health.

WHO is committed to addressing infertility and fertility care by:

1. Collaborating with partners to conduct global epidemiological and etiological research into infertility.
2. Engaging and facilitating policy dialogue with countries worldwide to frame infertility within an enabling legal and policy environment.
3. Supporting the generation of data on the burden of infertility to inform resource allocation and provision of services.
4. Developing guidelines on the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of male and female infertility, as part of the global norms and standards of quality care related to fertility care.
5. Continually revising and updating other normative products, including the WHO laboratory manual for the examination and processing of human semen.
6. Collaborating with relevant stakeholders including academic centres, ministries of health, other UN organizations, non-state actors (NSAs) and other partners to strengthen political commitment, availability and health system capacity to deliver fertility care globally.
7. Providing country-level technical support to member states to develop or strengthen implementation of national fertility policies and services.