

# Cancer and Fertility Funding

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What are my options in Nova Scotia (NS)?





## **In this handout you will find:**

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This handout will provide you with information about fertility clinics, estimated preservation costs, and funding options for preserving your fertility.

**Fertility is the ability to have biological children.**

Your experiences and preferences regarding your sexual and reproductive health are important.

Your medical team will speak with you about your diagnosis, treatment, and any risks to fertility. They can also refer you to a fertility specialist to talk about your options.



## Estimated Fertility Preservation Costs

**Note:** these costs are estimated based on information from all Atlantic Provinces as of December 2024. The exact cost at the fertility clinic you choose may vary. **You will likely pay more than one fee throughout your fertility treatment.** For example, one round of IVF may cost between \$10,000 and \$17,000 dollars.

Description of Fee	Oncofertility Patient Fee
Annual storage fees	\$475
Sperm freezing	\$430
Egg retrieval and freezing	\$6,105
Ovarian tissue cryopreservation	\$4,150
Testicular tissue cryopreservation	\$2,200
In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Cycle	\$6,600 - \$7,887
Sperm Analysis	\$350 - \$530



## **Estimated Fertility Preservation Costs**

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If you or your direct family members have private health insurance, inquire about possible fertility coverage included in your plan.

Speak with the social worker or patient care coordinator at your cancer centre for information about any additional funding that may be available.



## **Fertility Clinics for NS Residents**

### **Atlantic Fertility**

213 - 1535 Dresden Row, Halifax NS

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## **IWK Funding – Hematology/Oncology Fertility Support Fund**

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### **Source of Funds:**

Hematology/ Oncology General Trust Fund – Regular transfer of funds as needed up to a maximum of \$10,000/year.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**

Eligibility to receive funds will be determined by the Pediatric Oncologist and the Social Worker in the Division of Pediatric Hematology/Oncology based on a means assessment. Please talk with your health care team to discuss eligibility.

### **Guidelines for the Disbursement of the Fund:**

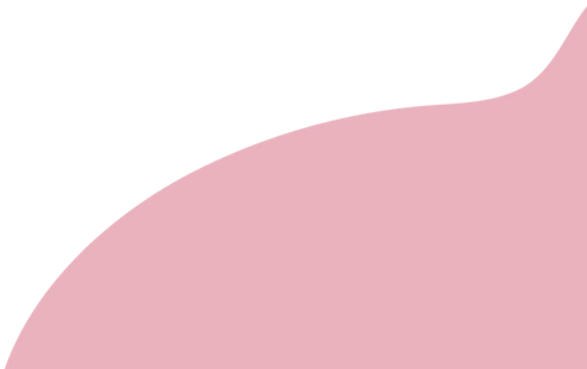
- Applications will be processed on a “first come, first served” basis.
- A pediatric oncologist identifies that the patient would benefit from oocyte freezing or sperm freezing.



## **IWK Funding – Hematology/Oncology Fertility Support Fund**

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### **Guidelines for the Disbursement of the Fund** (continued)

- A social worker, following the proper criteria and assessment procedures, may approve funds up to a maximum \$375 per male and \$5360 per female. This maximum amount per patient should be reassessed annually as per patient procedure cost for sperm banking or oocyte cryopreservation may change based upon price alterations at the Atlantic Fertility clinic. Financial assessment information will be kept in the Social Worker's file.
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## Provincial Funding: Fertility and Surrogacy Tax Credit

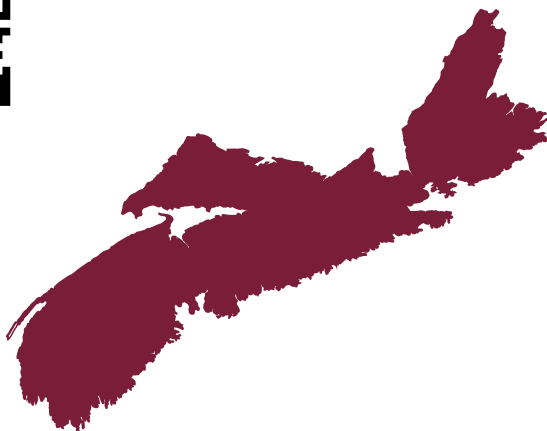
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### Source of Funds:

The Fertility and Surrogacy Tax Credit is a refundable tax credit equal to 40% of medical expenses for eligible fertility treatments or eligible surrogacy-related costs, up to a maximum claim of \$20,000 in fertility treatment expenses per year.

### Where can I find more information?

Scan the QR code below.



## **National Funding: Fertile Future - Power of Hope**

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### **What is the Fertile Future: Power of Hope Program?**

Fertile Future is a Canadian national non-profit organization that provides fertility preservation information and support services to cancer patients and oncology professionals.

- The Power of Hope Cost Reduction Program has been designed to help people pursue sperm banking and egg or embryo preservation.
- Fertile Future has partnered with fertility treatment facilities across Canada to increase access to fertility preservation services for cancer patients.





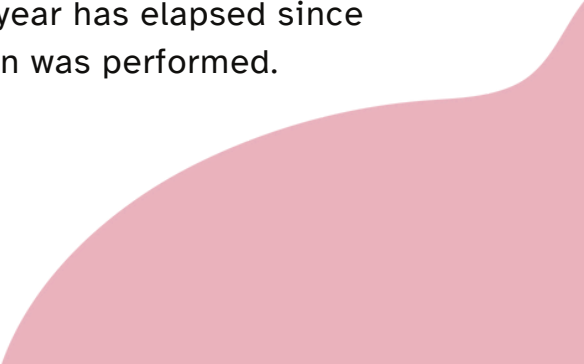


## **National Funding: Fertile Future - Power of Hope**

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### **Who is eligible?**

To be eligible for cost reduction, each of the following program criteria must be met:

- Fertility Centre administering fertility preservation treatment must be a member of the Power of Hope program.
  - Household income of \$50,000 or less.
  - Confirmation from applicant's oncologist indicating that cancer treatment presents a risk to fertility and that they support fertility preservation as safe and appropriate for applicant.
  - Applicant must be 40 years of age or younger.
  - Applicant must be a Canadian Citizen or have Permanent Resident status.
  - Applicant must have a valid provincial health card.
  - Applicant has not previously benefited from the Power of Hope program.
  - No more than one year has elapsed since fertility preservation was performed.
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## **National Funding: Fertile Future - Power of Hope**

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### **How much funding can be accessed?**

#### **Sperm Preservation:**

- \$350 for one sperm collection (including analysis, freezing, and 1 year of storage of sample).

#### **Egg or Embryo Preservation:**

- Pharmaceutical product
- Maximum charge of \$4,000 for egg retrieval and egg or embryo cryopreservation
- Fertile Future will reimburse up to \$1,000 to help assist in accessing these vital services.

### **Where can I find more information and contact Power of Hope?**

Scan the QR code below.



## Notes

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