

Secondary Infertility

Fertility problems affect approximately 15% of the population, while secondary infertility affects approximately 5%. Secondary infertility is where a person has had one or more pregnancies in the past but is having difficulty conceiving again.

Secondary infertility can be just as devastating as primary infertility, and it is important to recognise that it is important for people not only to have a family, but to have the size of family they want.

Treatment of secondary infertility is generally the same as for primary infertility. It can include ovulation induction or IVF or ICSI treatment.

As fertility declines with age, the length of time to achieve pregnancy increase. It is important therefore to reach a diagnosis quickly. Couples with secondary infertility, because they have already achieved a pregnancy together, are more likely to achieve a second pregnancy even with fertility treatment.

The [British Fertility Society](#) with associated Specialist Societies has produced a series of Quick Guides which you may find helpful.

[NHS Choices](#) is the UK's biggest health website.