

Tubal Damage

A woman's fallopian tubes carry the eggs from the ovary to the womb, with the egg being fertilised as it travels down the fallopian tubes. When the fertilised egg reaches the womb, it implants into the womb's lining, where it continues to develop and grow.

If the womb or the fallopian tubes are damaged, it may be difficult to conceive naturally. Tubes can become damaged or scarred following pelvic surgery, or if there has been any pelvic inflammatory disease. This can occur as the result of a sexually transmitted infection (STI).

Treatment options include surgery to repair the tubal damage, or you can be referred for IVF or ICSI treatment. IVF or ICSI treatment means that the eggs are removed and fertilised with sperm in the laboratory and do not have to pass down the damaged tubes.

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.