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## Study to assess the fertility of men conceived through IVF

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A new study will investigate if a male's fertility could be affected if they were conceived via In vitro Fertilisation (IVF).

The *Fertility of Young Men Conceived from IVF* Study will investigate the testicular function of men whose parents underwent IVF treatment to determine if their offspring have a resulting reduced sperm count.

The study is based at the Women and Infants Research Foundation (WIRF) and the University of Western Australia (UWA) Schools of Women's and Infants' Health.

The study's leading investigator, UWA Professor of Reproductive Medicine Roger Hart, said "many couples required IVF fertility treatment as a result of the male having a low sperm count. Whether their male offspring will be more likely to face the same issue, compared with non-IVF offspring, is yet to be determined".

Brandon, a research participant, said "I wanted to be a part of the study because, if my count was low, I would like to do something about it now. Down the track I am looking forward to having kids and if I tried to conceive but couldn't, and there was something I could have done about it years ago - I would be kicking myself".

The study is seeking to recruit men born from IVF treatment currently aged between 20 and 22 years. The participants are asked to attend two short appointments to examine both their sperm count and testicular health, and will receive feedback from the researchers about their own fertility. If you would like to take part in the study please contact the Study Coordinator, Dr Rhiannon Halse on (08) 9340 1443, 0439 266 434 or [rhiannon.halse@uwa.edu.au](mailto:rhiannon.halse@uwa.edu.au)

This study is part of a larger investigation, the *Growing Up Healthy* Study, which is comparing other important long-term health outcomes of children born through IVF treatment who are now aged 13 to 22. For more information on the study, visit: [www.wirf.com.au/ivfgrowinguphealthystudy](http://www.wirf.com.au/ivfgrowinguphealthystudy)



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