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PROMOTION

Surrogacy : A Boon for Childless Couples

Many couples opt for surrogacy or 'borrowed womb' when the wife cannot carry the pregnancy. Surrogacy by assisted conception should normally be considered only for the patients for whom it would be physically or medically impossible to carry a baby to term. With the present state of medical technology, it is possible for a couple to use a donated sperm, egg, or uterus when indicated. Gestational surrogacy is now being routinely conducted at our centre since 2004. The indications are varied and include: repeated IVF failures, absent uterus (congenital absence or post hysterectomy for carcinomas, severe hemorrhage or rupture uterus), recurrent miscarriages, previous unexplained infertility and severe medical conditions which may make pregnancy life threatening for the intended mother. **Procedure:** Eggs are harvested from the wife, fertilized in the laboratory with the husband's sperm and the resulting embryo is then transferred into the gestational carrier's (surrogates) uterus at a specific time during the cycle. The surrogates



are supplemented with hormones to help prime and time the uterus for conception. All prospective surrogates are tested for HIV, HCV, HBSAg and VDRL and shown to be seronegative for the virus just before embryo transfer. It is also very important for the genetic parents to be counselled in-depth. *Bloom IVF Enterprises is located at: Lilavati Hospital IVF Centre, 2nd Floor, Lilavati Hospital, Bandra (West). Ph: 26438280 or 26421111, ext 2245. & D Y Patil Fertility Centre, D Y Patil Medical Hospital and Research Centre, Navi Mumbai. Ph: 39216020. Patients can emails on bloomivf@gmail.com.*