

# To support your fertility journey, your fertility clinic should understand your needs.

Below are a few tips to help you find the right fertility clinic for you.

Not actual patients

#### Tip 1

Check if the fertility clinic you are interested in is a member of the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology (SART). You can use SART to find important details about member clinics, like their fertility treatment success rates.

Note: Recently established clinics may still be working on their SART membership.

### Tip 2

When choosing a clinic, pay special attention to the first consultation. Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- 1. Did your fertility specialist ask all the right questions when it came to your family-building goals?
- 2. Did they take time to answer all your questions?
- 3. What is their communication style, and does it match your needs?
- 4. Can they "give it to you straight," or do you need someone with a gentler approach?

#### Tip 3

You may get a good feeling from your first consultation, but remember to do a background check. Make sure they are board certified in reproductive endocrinology and infertility. It is also okay to just ask them.

## Tip 4

Remember, personal recommendations can be an option. Do you know someone who has completed their fertility journey? They may be able to provide support and advice, so consider asking them.

### Tip 5

Convenience is important. There may be many early-morning office visits along the way, so make sure your clinic has flexible office hours and isn't too far from home (or work).

#### **Bonus tip**

Listen to your gut. Remember, your fertility journey is a marathon, not a sprint. If something feels off, do not ignore that feeling. Don't be afraid to make a change and take the time to ask all the questions you can think of.

