

BAYSTATE REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE HERE TO HELP COUPLES HAVE HEALTHY BABIES

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More than 6 million people of childbearing age in the U.S. experience infertility every year, and 1 million seek treatment.

"Infertility is defined as a couple's inability to become pregnant after 1 year of sex without using birth control," according to Dr. Daniel Grow, medical director, Baystate Reproductive Medicine. Infertility problems are diagnosed in 1 in 10 American couples.

Dr. Grow and the team of healthcare professionals at Baystate Reproductive Medicine have one message to all those who are experiencing difficulty in becoming pregnant, they are here to help – here to help area women have healthy babies.

Baystate Reproductive Medicine, a Baystate Medical Practice, offers comprehensive infertility services. The health care team consists of reproductive endocrinologists, nurses, nurse practitioners, counselors, and embryologists specially trained in all aspects of fertility treatments.

"Of all couples who have not conceived after 1 year, about half will go on to conceive naturally in the following year," said Dr. Grow. "If you are a younger couple, this is encouraging news. However, if you are 35 or older, another year may be too long to wait before seeking testing and treatment."

According to Dr. Grow, female fertility normally decreases with age. "The older a woman is, particularly over age 35, the less likely she is to become pregnant and the more likely there is a potential for a miscarriage," said Dr. Grow. "This is primarily due to the aging of her egg supply."

"We offer state-of-the-art fertility treatments and services, including medical, surgical and laboratory services, along with the use of fertility medications and in vitro fertilization," said Dr. Grow. "Couples have options when they come see us, options for treatments to use, options on what doctor to see, and the flexibility that our team will work around their busy lives. We are here to help them with the best possible care, tailored to them."

Dr. Grow recommends consulting with your obstetrician/gynecologist or a reproductive endocrinologist regarding infertility concerns if you:

- Want children but have been unable to become pregnant after 1 year of having sex without using birth control.
- Are a woman older than 35 who has been unable to become pregnant after about 6 months of sex without using birth control.
- Have had three or more miscarriages in a row.

To find out more about the services offered through Baystate Reproductive Medicine, please call 413-794-7045.