

ASSISTED HATCHING

In order for an embryo to implant in the uterus, it must first emerge ('hatch') from its thick outer layer, the zona pellucida. 'Hatching' is usually part of an embryo's normal development and happens without any assistance. In some situation, however, embryos may not 'hatch' well on their own and Assisted Hatching can help. Assisted Hatching is a procedure that involves making a small hole in the zona pellucida with a laser.

Assisted Hatching is recommended for women 41 years or older and for thawed cleaved embryos.