

CONTINUING IVF AND OVULATION INDUCTION DURING A HURRICANE OR OTHER EMERGENCY

In the event of a natural disaster, hurricane, tornado, power outage, fire, terrorist attack, or other emergency you may be unable to continue your IVF or ovulation induction cycle at your customary site. In rare events you may have to evacuate to another area of the country, or your customary site of care may be closed for an extended period of time. The Fertility Institute of New Orleans (FINO) has prepared the following information so that it may be possible for you to continue your treatment cycle. This information can also be useful if a problem arises while you are on vacation or otherwise away from home.

CONTACTING US

You should first try to contact The Fertility Institute at one of its regular office phone numbers: Metairie (504)454-2165, Mandeville (985)892-7621, Baton Rouge (225)726-2031, or (Louisiana Toll Free) 800-375-0048, (Outside LA Toll Free) 1-800-433-9009, or the weekend emergency number (504)883-6563. Chances are that one of these offices will remain open. Messaging the office through the Patient Portal is always an option, and you may also be able to contact a FINO physician or staff by email at info@fertilityinstitute.com. If it is necessary for FINO to move to new offices or there is a change in contact numbers, the changes will be posted on the Fertility Institute website: www.fertilityinstitute.com or the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology (SART) web site: www.SART.org.

FINDING ANOTHER IVF CLINIC

You may find another IVF clinic that is a member of SART by using the internet www.SART.org and selecting "Find a Clinic". You will be prompted to select a state. You will see a list of all IVF clinics in the state arranged by city. Select a clinic to see their phone number. You may also contact the SART office by phone (205)978-5000 Ext. 109 or FAX (205)978-5018.

PREPARING FOR AN EMERGENCY

In an evacuation emergency and when traveling always carry your medications, supplies, and cycle plan with you, as well as, all your FINO phone numbers and SART contact information. When possible, ask about an IVF clinic in the area where you plan to be before you leave.

IF THERE IS A MEDICAL EMERGENCY

In a medical emergency attempt to contact the FINO physician first for instructions, but if unable to reach him or her go to the nearest hospital emergency room. When possible choose a hospital that provides obstetrical care since they will have gynecologists and often Reproductive Endocrinology Infertility Specialists on their staff.

OVULATION INDUCTION DRUGS

Schrafts 2.0 – 855-724-7238

Freedom – 800-660-4283

MDRx – 800-515-3784