

GESTATIONAL CARRIER

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What is it?

A gestational carrier arrangement involves another person carrying a pregnancy for the intended parent(s). The embryo is created through IVF using the intended parent(s)' or donor gametes and transferred to the gestational carrier.

Who is it for?

Gestational carrier treatment may be appropriate for:

- Patients without a uterus or with uterine abnormalities
- Patients with medical conditions that make pregnancy unsafe
- Patients with recurrent implantation failure or recurrent pregnancy loss
- Same-sex male couples and other intended parents requiring a gestational carrier
- Single parents using donor eggs and/or donor sperm

Typical Timeline

- Medical and psychological screening
- Legal contracts and cycle coordination
- IVF cycle and embryo creation
- Gestational carrier uterine preparation
- Embryo transfer
- Pregnancy monitoring

The full process may take several months depending on matching and legal requirements.

Monitoring Expectations

Monitoring may include:

- Frequent coordination among intended parents, carrier, and care team
- Ultrasounds and bloodwork for the gestational carrier
- IVF monitoring for egg source (if applicable)
- Ongoing pregnancy monitoring after transfer

Recovery

- Recovery for intended parents depends on whether egg retrieval is involved
- Gestational carriers generally recover quickly after embryo transfer
- Pregnancy recovery follows standard obstetric care after delivery

Cost Structure Basics

Costs may include:

- Gestational carrier compensation
- Agency and matching fees
- Legal fees
- Insurance and escrow management
- IVF cycle and laboratory services
- Medications and monitoring
- Embryo transfer fees
- Obstetric and delivery-related expenses

Gestational carrier arrangements are typically among the most complex and highest-cost fertility treatment pathways.

Please note: Treatment plans, timelines, monitoring, medications, and costs vary by patient. Your provider will recommend the approach most appropriate for your individual situation.

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