



The Ronald O. Perelman and Claudia Cohen Center for Reproductive Medicine

Weill Cornell Medicine

PREP Cycle Financial Policy as of March 1, 2016

This Financial Policy is designed to help you understand and anticipate the cost of your treatment at the Ronald O. Perelman and Claudia Cohen Center for Reproductive Medicine (CRM). Please refer back to this policy as you progress in your treatment.

Please note that all fees are subject to change.

Insurance Information

CRM Insurance Participation

CRM CRM participates with Cigna, United Healthcare, Oxford (Optum), and Empire Plan (New York State Government Plan administered by United Healthcare), Cornell Employee-Aetna PPO Plan, and Blue Cross Blue Shield.

While CRM participates with these insurances, **you are responsible for any fees not covered by your insurance.** For this reason, **it is important that you find out from your insurance company if you have fertility coverage; if so, what type of coverage you have; and if you need pre-authorization for medications or treatment.** (Please see attached Billing Bulletin for help with questions to ask your insurance company.)

Please note that insurance coverage may be dependent upon the diagnosis code as well as the procedure code.

If your insurance company confirms that you do have benefits that require prior authorization and/or predetermination for medication and for the cycle please send a request to crm-precertification@med.cornell.edu or call the following CRM telephone numbers:

- (646) 962 7247 — Cigna, UHC, BCBS cycle pre-authorization only and all Oxford (Optum) pre-authorization
- (646) 962 5372 — Cigna, UHC medication pre-authorization only and all Aetna pre-authorization
- (646) 962 3246 — All other insurance plans cycle pre-authorization and BCBS medication pre-authorization

Out-of-network or self-pay patients

If CRM does not participate with your insurance, or if you are a self-pay patient, **you will be responsible for paying for all services rendered by CRM.** You should find out from your insurance company what out-of-network coverage, if any, you have and if you need pre-authorization for medications and treatment. (Please see attached Billing Bulletin for help with questions to ask your insurance company.)

Physician Insurance Participation

Please contact the physician's office directly to find out about individual doctor participation, as this may differ from CRM. CRM charges are separate from physician charges.

Reimbursement of out of pocket expenses

CRM will provide health insurance claim (HIC) forms, which you can submit to your insurance company for reimbursement. It is extremely important to check with your insurance company starting treatment to find out your level of coverage as reimbursement depends on your individual insurance benefits and plan.

PREP Cycle

Prep Cycle or Mock Cycle is a requirement of the donor egg program that must be completed prior to being placed on the wait list. The Prep Cycle, a 21 day long cycle, is to ensure that your body responds appropriately to the hormone therapy used to prepare the endometrium for successful embryo replacement. The Prep Cycle is an invaluable source of information to CRM and must be completed even if you have had previous IVF cycles.

You are required to pay for your Prep Cycle on the **first day** of monitoring for the cycle. The estimated cost of a Prep Cycle is \$2,080. On occasion, patients need additional blood tests or ultrasounds throughout the Prep Cycle. You will be billed separately for any additional blood tests and ultrasounds.

Prep Cycle: Includes ultrasounds, laboratory testing (Estradiol, Progesterone, LH), management, evaluation and administration of the cycle. **No recipient medication is included in this fee.**

Estimated total cost:

\$2,080.00

Payable to **CRM** on the first day of monitoring.

In addition, you may require an endometrial biopsy performed on day 21, 22 or 23. The fee for the biopsy is not included in the Prep Cycle fee. The biopsy fee is made payable to the physician that performs the procedure.

If you have any questions about these charges, please call our Billing office at (646) 962-3248.

