

## Information for patients

### What is Q-IVF?

Since 2007, the IVF clinics in Sweden, with the support of SKR (Swedish Municipalities and Regions), have run a national quality register for assisted reproduction, Q-IVF.

The purpose of the register is to continuously monitor treatment results and any medical risks for both the IVF children and the treated patients.

### You contribute to better care!

To develop and ensure the quality of assisted reproduction, your clinic wants to report information about your treatment(s) to Q-IVF. Participation in the register is voluntary and does not affect the treatment you receive. The data is used to compare care between different clinics around the country. The results are also used for improvement work at the clinics. The quality register contributes to new knowledge about how we should treat involuntary childlessness and the more people who participate, the statistically more reliable the results will be.

### Data recorded

To develop and ensure the quality of IVF care, your clinic registers details of your social security number and treatment.

### Confidentiality

Your information is covered by confidentiality (Public Access to Information and Secrecy Act). This means that information may only be disclosed from the register if it is clear that neither you nor anyone close to you will suffer harm if the information is disclosed. The data has the same strong protection as medical records.

Your privacy is further protected by the fact that data from the register may only be disclosed for research, quality assurance and statistical purposes. Even if the disclosure is made for any of these purposes, a confidentiality assessment

takes place. Before information from the register is the subject of a research study, approval by the ethical review authority is always required.

### Safety

Those who have electronic access to the data must log in to the register with secure two-step authentication. The security system around the servers where data is stored meets the same rigorous requirements as for the medical records. All staff have a statutory duty of confidentiality.

### Your rights

Participation is voluntary. If you do not want to participate, you must notify your clinic of this. It is possible to do this verbally, but for safety and traceability, we prefer that you fill out a "*No form*" that you can get at your clinic. It is also available on Q-IVF's website. If you wish to have previously reported data deleted at the register, this must be done in writing.

### More information

On the website, [www.qivf.se](http://www.qivf.se), you will find contact information for the registry as well as annual reports with treatment results, patient-perceived quality, open comparisons, etc. Under "For patients" (QR code below) you will find a complete *patient information*.



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