

Fertility Show: Institut Marquès opens Clane clinic

EMBRYO ADOPTION AVAILABLE IN IRELAND FOR FIRST TIME

- Institut Marquès Ireland to provide all the services of its flagship Barcelona fertility clinic at new Clane location, including embryo adoption a first for Ireland
- Embryos at the Clane clinic 'travel' from Barcelona to be nurtured for UK and Ireland patients
- All incubators at new clinic will be fitted with inbuilt music systems, as Institut Marquès launches new study into the positive benefits of music in IVF treatment for Fertility Show 2016

Tuesday, 1st November, 2016 - Institut Marquès, the renowned centre for gynaecology, obstetrics and assisted reproduction, has announced the opening of its new Clane clinic, which will provide patients in Ireland with the possibility of embryo adoption for the first time.

<u>Embryo adoption</u>, pioneered by Institut Marquès in 2004, provides prospective parents with the opportunity to adopt embryos of women which have been donated to their clinic.

Embryos in adoption come from healthy couples and women under 35 years old and often come from patients who have had a successful IVF treatment and don't want further children, or from the frozen embryos of patients which are now under the care of the Barcelona centre.

Spanish law states that if patients don't state their intention for embryos after four years, they fall under the care of the centre - Institut Marquès has made the revolutionary step to give these embryos a chance of life. Almost 1,000 children have now been born as a result of Institut Marquès' embryo adoption programme.

The 700m² clinic, situated in Clane, County Kildare, was acquired in May this year before undergoing extensive investment to facilitate Institut Marquès' full suite of fertility treatments. Now, all Institut Marquès patients in the UK and Ireland, who would have previously made the trip to Barcelona for clinical treatment, will travel to the Clane location.

Attendees to the Fertility Show 2016, held at London's Olympia on November 5-6, will be able to discover more about Institut Marquès' extensive range of fertility expertise and research, as well as their expanding continental network of locations, at stand J50.

Marisa López-Teijón, Institut Marquès Director and promoter of the Embryo Adoption Programme, sees the opening as an important step in the growth of the treatment. She

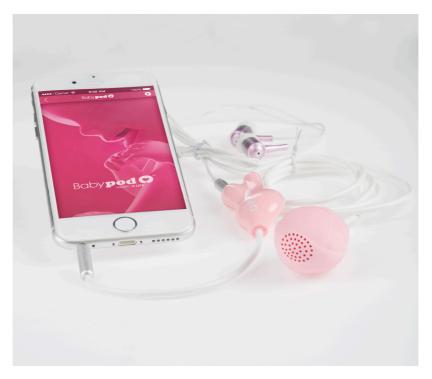


said, "At Institut Marquès, we decided to offer a chance of life to all those frozen embyros that could potentially lead to pregnancy. The opening of our new Ireland clinic will make that opportunity available to many more prospective parents in the UK and Ireland for the first time. It's exciting to think about the future of each embryo we nurture – these moments are very special."

Strong interest in the Clane clinic has already been shown among English patients, with IVF with Egg Donation, Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD) and Embryo Donation.

Dr Victoria Walker, fertility specialist at Institut Marquès fertility clinic, said: "This is a very important step forward because Irish patients, and also those from nearby countries such as the UK, have the option of undergoing treatment without having to travel to Spain. Our aim is to help Irish and English patients to become parents".

Institut Marquès is a pioneer in the use of music for fertility treatment, with a previous study showing that vibrations caused by music aid the IVF process by 5%. Every incubator at the Institut Marquès clinic in Clane will be fitted with an inbuilt music system.



For the Fertility Show 2016, Institut Marquès is also extending its clinical research into the positive effects of music and vibration in the IVF process. So far, more than 100 patients from England have taken part, with 80% of participants stating that the use of Institut Marquès' Babypod device – which plays music intravaginally – has aided in their relaxation and resulted in their feeling more optimistic about their treatment.



The study analyses the intravaginal vibrations caused by the music during the 'beta wait' stage of the fertility treatment – the four-day period between the transfer of the embryo and the pregnancy test – to see whether anxiety can be reduced and the possibility of success increased. Institut Marquès plans to roll out the study to 1,000 patients in total.

Find Institut Marquès at stand J50 of the Fertility Show 2016 at London's Olympia Central Hall on November 5-6, 2016.

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About Institut Marquès

Institut Marquès Barcelona is a centre of international renown in Gynaecology, Obstetrics and Assisted Reproduction. As well as Barcelona and Milan, Institut Marquès is also in London, Dublin and Kuwait.

Our centre, with lots of experience on complicated cases, helps people from more than 50 countries to bring their dream of becoming parents to life. Institut Marquès has the highest pregnancy success rates (IVF with Egg Donation: 89%).

As a leader in innovation, Institut Marquès develops an important line of research on the benefits of music at the beginning of life and foetal stimulation. For more information visit our Website: www.institutomarques.com