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THE **FERTILITY CENTER** OF
LAS VEGAS



NEVADA'S FIRST FERTILITY CLINIC

HELPING FAMILIES SINCE 1988

Intended Parent Guidebook

FOR PATIENTS LIVING OUTSIDE OF LAS VEGAS

AN OASIS OF HOPE FOR

Hopeful Parents



The family you have been dreaming of may be just a flight away, thanks to the advanced reproductive technology provided by The Fertility Center of Las Vegas. When you are ready to begin your journey toward parenthood, our multilingual team is here to assist you each step of the way.

Our reputation as a leading fertility center has made us an 'Oasis of Hope' for people who need help growing their families. The Fertility Center of Las Vegas was founded in 1988 by Dr. Bruce Shapiro, adding Southern Nevada's only female board certified reproductive endocrinologist, Dr. Carrie Bedient, in 2015 and most recently,

Dr. Leah Kaye, in 2018. For three decades, we have been an international destination for unparalleled care and consistently exceptional pregnancy rates, assisting thousands of men and women from all 50 U.S. states and more than 70 countries.

At The Fertility Center of Las Vegas, personalized care is our priority. The first step in all our fertility treatments is extensive diagnostic testing, ensuring thorough assessment and accurate diagnosis for each party involved. Once we understand your personal fertility challenges and goals, we will consult with you and review the fertility treatments available to you. Together with your doctor, you will select the course of treatment that is best for you.

LONG DISTANCE CONSULTATION

We provide complimentary phone or internet (Skype or Zoom) consultations for new patients ready to take the first step toward parenthood.

EXPERIENCE

Stability and longevity are among our greatest strengths. The Fertility Center of Las Vegas is Southern Nevada's first fertility clinic, celebrating our 35th anniversary in 2023. Together, our doctors share more than four decades of experience and are subspecialty board certified in reproductive endocrinology and infertility, which is the highest degree of training available for fertility specialists.

SUCCESS RATES

The Fertility Center of Las Vegas ranks among the top fertility centers in the United States, based on its success rates as determined by the Society of Assisted Reproductive Technology (SART).

RESEARCH

As leaders in the field of reproductive medicine, our physicians are committed to continuous research in reproductive endocrinology, furthering the science and treatment of infertility.

FINANCIAL SERVICES

Our transparent, inclusive pricing packages minimize costs and maximize your chances of success. Hopeful parents can feel secure knowing that no 'surprise' fees will arise that could complicate their ability to grow their family.

INCLUSIVITY

We believe that everyone deserves a chance to become a parent, regardless of nationality or sexual orientation. In addition to male/female couples, we welcome LGBT individuals and couples seeking to become mothers or fathers using donor eggs, donor sperm or gestational surrogacy. We also provide on-staff IVF coordinators who are fluent in English, Chinese, French and Spanish, so you'll always have an ally who can translate and support you through every step of the treatment process.

CONCIERGE SERVICES

Our friendly staff is happy to help you enjoy your time in Las Vegas, a city that has endless options for accommodations, dining and entertainment. We are happy to provide recommendations to fit any budget, as well as discounted rates at hotels located close to our office.



Viva Las Vegas

For decades, international visitors have traveled to Las Vegas on holiday for the world-class entertainment, food, recreation and value. Today, a growing number of men and women also come to enjoy the highly specialized reproductive care available at The Fertility Center of Las Vegas, located within minutes of the world famous Las Vegas Strip.

Las Vegas is a city where people from all over the world come to make

memories that last a lifetime. Thousands of couples travel to this magical city each year to get married, proving that Las Vegas is a wonderful place to start a family.

The culture of service in Las Vegas runs generations deep, and nearly 40 million visitors come

here to experience it every year. No matter how far you travel to get here, our world-class hospitality makes you feel at home.

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BEST SURROGACY LAWS

In the United States, surrogacy laws vary from state to state. Nevada is one of the most surrogacy-friendly states, with laws that allow all hopeful parents (single, married, straight or gay) to be listed on the baby’s birth certificate.

FANTASTIC YEAR-ROUND WEATHER

Las Vegas enjoys a warm, arid climate and averages 294 days of sunshine per year. The humidity averages a low 22%, and even on very hot days, there is usually a breeze. The average temperature is 66.3 degrees F (19 degrees C), so visitors don’t have to worry about weather affecting their travel plans and flights.

EASY TRAVEL

McCarran International Airport is just 20 minutes from our office. It accommodates three million international passengers annually and offers direct flights from cities all over the world. Unlike other major U.S. cities, there’s very little traffic, and affordable transportation options such as Uber and

Lyft are readily available to get you from your hotel, to our office, to the city’s world-class entertainment and shopping options.

OPTIONS TO FIT ANY BUDGET

Las Vegas is famous for fine dining, big-talent shows and upscale hotels, but the city also has an abundance of fun things to do that will fit any budget. As one of America’s most popular tourist destinations, the city has plenty of affordable places to stay, and many free or low-cost ways to take in the sights of the city and surrounding areas.

ENTERTAINMENT GALORE

Whether your idea of fun is taking in a spectacular show, cheering on your favorite sports team, trying your luck at the casino or finding treasures at high-end shops or outlet malls, Las Vegas has it all. If adventure is your style, take a walk on the wild side with white tigers, dolphins or sharks, or take in Las Vegas’ lights and sights from atop a breathtaking rollercoaster or zip line.



So Much More

THAN JUST THE WORLD FAMOUS LAS VEGAS STRIP

Las Vegas is just a car or helicopter ride away from some of America's most impressive natural sights and wonders, including Lake Mead, the Hoover Dam, Death Valley National Park, Zion National Park and of course, the Grand Canyon.



Lake Mead is one of the largest manmade lakes in the world, perfect for swimming, riding jet skis or taking a sightseeing voyage by boat. A trip to the lake wouldn't be complete without also visiting the engineering marvel that is the Hoover Dam.

While the city is a wonderland of manmade attractions, Las Vegas also has a natural side. **Mount Charleston** is just 45 minutes away from the Strip, offering snow sports in winter and lush, green hiking trails in the warmer months.

The desert surrounding Las Vegas has a unique beauty all its own. View the many shades of **Red Rock Canyon**, just 15 miles from the strip, or check out the geological history and Wild West ghost towns within **Death Valley National Park**, just two hours away.

Zion National Park, just two and a half hours away in Southwest Utah, is famous for its breathtaking scenery, including enormous sandstone cliffs in shades of pink and red. Take a hike, go climbing or ride a bike through some of the most stunning vistas in the American West.

One of the Seven Natural Wonders of the World, America's famous **Grand Canyon National Park** in nearby Arizona is one of UNESCO's must-see World Heritage Sites. Las Vegas offers one-day trip packages that include a helicopter tour of the canyon's most impressive features, or you can venture out on your own—it's about a four-hour drive by car.

If you're in the mood for a slower pace, take a side trip to **Sedona, Arizona**, home to shops, spas, art galleries and striking desert scenery. This artsy town with a Native American vibe is just four and a half hours from Las Vegas, making it an ideal destination for a quick overnight escape or a long weekend away from the hustle and bustle of the big city.

Las Vegas is one of the most **LGBT-friendly** cities in America. We're famous for our hospitality and a rainbow of entertainment venues that are open both day and night, so you're sure to feel welcome wherever you go. We're also America's number-one destination for LGBT weddings and commitment ceremonies, with a variety of unique venues to choose from.

To see all that Las Vegas has to offer, visit www.Vegas.com

MAKING PARENTHOOD POSSIBLE

Our Experts



The Fertility Center of Las Vegas is Nevada's first infertility clinic and is renowned for research that advances the science and practice of reproductive endocrinology.

Already recognized for our pioneering efforts in the field of reproductive medicine, we continue to develop techniques that make IVF safer and more effective than ever before. Our current research focuses on maximizing the success of IVF through

careful attention to egg and embryo development and uterine preparation. This research has improved IVF safety while leading to some of the highest reported success rates in the world.

Our doctors' voluminous research has been presented at both national and international conferences, and IVFreports.org has recognized The Fertility Center of Las Vegas for our stellar pregnancy rates.

Bruce Shapiro

MD, PhD, FACOG, HCLD

Founder and Medical Director



A well-known and respected fertility research pioneer, board certified reproductive endocrinologist Dr. Shapiro founded The Fertility Center of Las Vegas in 1988. His commitment to ongoing innovation has made The Fertility Center of Las Vegas one of America's leading forces advancing the science and practice of reproductive endocrinology, but it's his friendly and caring bedside manner that has helped make The Fertility Center of Las Vegas an Oasis of Hope for people needing medical help to grow their families.

Dr. Shapiro's commitment to his patients has led to the development of new techniques to make IVF safer and more effective. His

award-winning research has been widely published in respected medical journals, and some of the procedures he has helped innovate have been adopted as the standard of care by physicians around the world. For example, he was one of the first U.S. physicians to perform and report on blastocyst transfer, which allows the transfer of fewer embryos to the uterus while maintaining high pregnancy rates and reducing the risk of multiple pregnancy (twins or greater). This procedure, and Dr. Shapiro's many other innovations, have greatly improved the chances of IVF success for countless men and women hoping to have a baby.

Dr. Shapiro completed his residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at Yale New Haven Hospital, finished his fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at Yale University and earned his PhD at the University of Amsterdam in the Netherlands. In addition to his work at The Fertility Center of Las Vegas, Dr. Shapiro remains on the faculty as Director of the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at the University of Nevada School of Medicine, where he teaches medical students and residents.

Carrie Bedient MD, FACOG

Reproductive Specialist



As Nevada's first female board certified reproductive endocrinologist, Dr. Bedient feels privileged to help men and women reach their full family-building potential. A champion of reproductive freedom, Dr. Bedient is particularly interested in fertility preservation for patients undergoing toxic therapies for medical conditions such as cancer, as well as third party reproduction for same-sex couples and LGBT individuals. Known for her kindness and warm bedside manner, Dr. Bedient is a role model for empathy, compassion, respect, altruism and integrity in medicine.

Dr. Bedient excels at research, and investigates the causes of infertility and improved protocols in advanced reproductive technology. Her recently published papers and book chapters have focused

on frozen versus fresh embryo transfers, the use of robotics in reproductive surgery, adolescent fertility preservation and a comparison of robotic and laparoscopic myomectomy.

After graduating from the University of Arizona College of Medicine, she completed her residency at Case Western Reserve University & Cleveland Clinic Foundation Metrohealth Medical Center, followed by fellowship training in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at Emory University. She has pursued advanced training in minimally invasive surgery to correct uterine anomalies, endometriosis and other gynecological issues. Dr. Bedient also serves as a clinical assistant professor at the University of Nevada School of Medicine's Department of Obstetrics & Gynecology.

Leah Kaye

MD, FACOG

Reproductive Specialist



As a compassionate and knowledgeable board certified fertility specialist, Dr. Leah Kaye is proud to help men and women from around the country and the world accomplish their family-building goals. With a passion for utilizing the latest assisted reproductive technology (ART) to help patients become parents, Dr. Kaye has special interest and expertise in the areas of obesity and fertility, embryo implantation and transgender fertility.

Dr. Kaye has received numerous awards throughout her education and training in reproductive medicine. She earned the New England Fertility Society Fellows Grant, Residency Education Award for her dedication to teaching and the Second Year Resident Teaching Award.

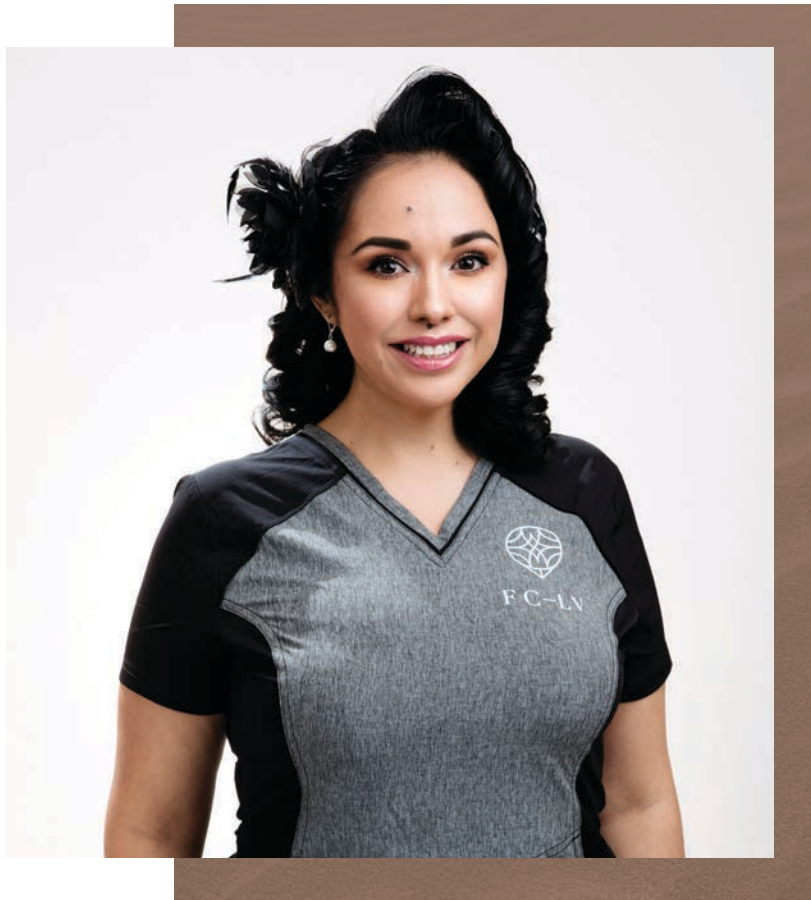
After earning her medical degree from the University of Maryland School of Medicine, Dr. Kaye completed her residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Connecticut. She went on to complete a fellowship in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility at the University of Connecticut. At the same time, she also earned a master's degree from the University of Connecticut Graduate School in clinical and translational research.

Your IVF Guide

In addition to your fertility specialist, you will be supported by an IVF case manager.

Raquel Arana

English and Spanish-Language IVF Case Manager



Fluent in both English and Spanish, Raquel Arana is our case manager who can translate and coordinate all IVF-related services for our Spanish-speaking patients, many of whom travel from Spain to Las Vegas for the best fertility care available. Raquel is your primary contact for IVF, donor egg and surrogacy services, explaining every detail of the process in the language you understand. If an egg donor or surrogate is needed,

Raquel helps make connections with appropriate agencies and attorneys. She also attends physician visits translating to help answer all of your questions and explain medical terms that don't always easily translate.

A Las Vegas native, Raquel traces her history with our team back to 1998, when she came on board as a certified medical assistant. Though she left for two years to explore a career in the OBGYN field, she returned in 2001 and has been a valued member of our team ever since. She spent six years as our medical assistant supervisor, then in 2016, moved into her current role as IVF case manager.

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Romain Taillandier

French-Language IVF Case Manager



When French-speaking patients are considering traveling to Las Vegas for IVF, Romain Taillandier is the person who will manage their IVF cycle, from the initial consultation through the first trimester of pregnancy. Fluent in both French and English, Romain pri-

marily provides French fertility coordination services for egg donation and surrogacy, using Skype to coordinate patient treatment plans and attending all physician visits to provide translation and support. Romain also works with patients, labs and third party agencies to coordinate and schedule care and keep you updated.

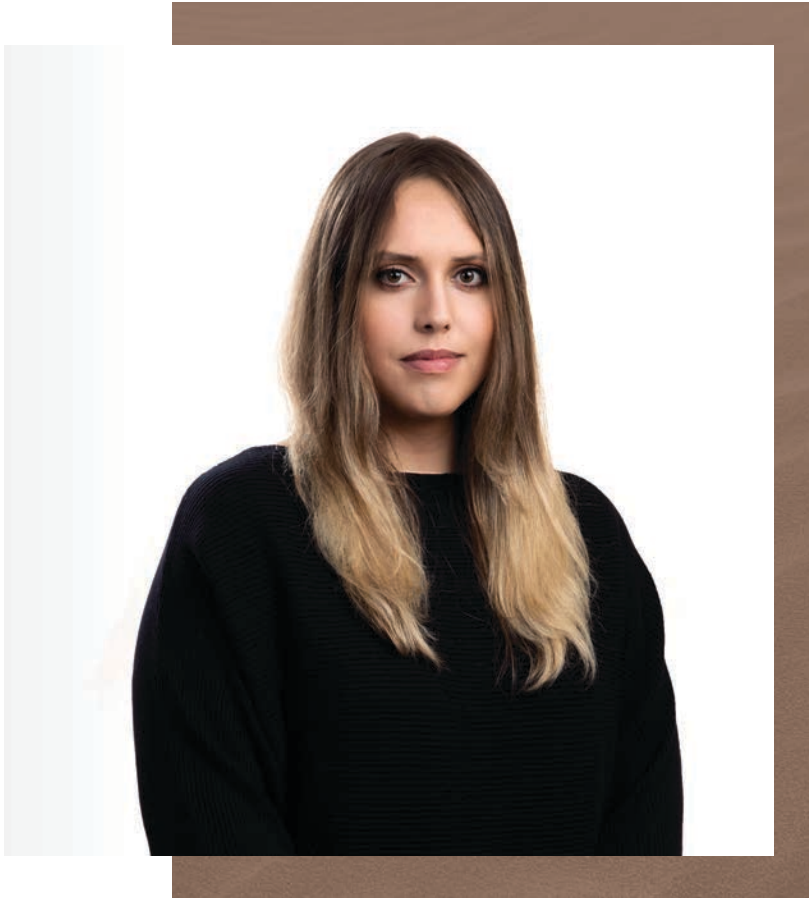
Having gone through the process of finding an egg donor, choosing a surrogate and experiencing third party IVF first-hand, Romain is a strong advocate for gay fertility treatment and parenting, as well as for all French couples and individuals who need third party reproductive services to grow their families.

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Sarah Steinbach

English and German-Language IVF Case Manager



As our German IVF case manager, Sarah Steinbach's primary job duty is providing fertility coordination services for German patients using egg donation and surrogacy. She often starts her day by using Skype to meet with German women and men to coordinate their treatment plans. She enjoys providing information and comfort to German patients undergoing fertility treatments in the United States.

She also keeps busy during her days at our Las Vegas fertility center by managing patient care. This includes working with doctors, nurses, laboratories and third-party agencies. Sarah also serves as a translator during appointments when German-

speaking patients aren't fluent in English. She is honored to work with The Fertility Center of Las Vegas (FCLV) because the center offers state-of-the-art treatments and compassion that patients often can't find anywhere else.

Sarah joined the FCLV team in 2019 after working on her bachelor's degree in biology at Southern Utah University. She loves working with fertility doctors and diverse hopeful parents. Beyond working at our Las Vegas fertility center, Sarah enjoys hiking in the national parks, skiing and snowboarding in the winter, spending time with friends and family, competing in equestrian events and traveling.

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Stella Zho

Chinese-Language IVF Case Manager



When Chinese patients are considering traveling to Las Vegas for IVF, Stella Zhou is the person who will manage their IVF cycle, from the initial consultation through the first trimester of pregnancy. She is also the primary point of contact for our Chinese-speaking patients who live in the Las Vegas area.

Fluent in both Chinese and English, Stella is a friendly point of contact who can explain complex treatments and be your voice at every step. Most Chinese patients begin their treatment cycle while still in China, working with our staff there to initiate testing and treatment and minimize time spent traveling for IVF in Las Vegas. During this time, Stella translates during virtual visits with

your physician and other care team members. Once you arrive in the United States, she is present at all visits to translate and assist.

Stella also works with patients, labs and third party agencies to coordinate and schedule care and keep you updated.

Before moving to Las Vegas, Stella grew up in Northern China and has lived and studied in France, Cameroon, and Brazil. Stella moved to the United States and joined FCLV in 2020 and has become a valued member of our team helping Chinese speaking patients on their journey to parenthood.

WHY WE ARE AN

Oasis of Hope

One of the most gratifying experiences we can have is to hear that we have had a positive impact on the lives of our patients. In one online review, a patient described The Fertility Center of Las Vegas as an ‘Oasis of Hope.’ This comment meant so much to us, as the definition of the word ‘oasis’ aligns perfectly with the way we see ourselves: A small, fertile area in a desert region—a place of refuge and relief for

people who are moving through a challenging phase of their lives.

Our logo is meaningful to us because it graphically represents the idea of an Oasis of Hope. It’s an abstract illustration of a body of water surrounded by four desert peaks, set within a location pin that symbolizes our status as a worldwide destination for unparalleled fertility care.

Should your fertility journey lead you through the desert, know that you will find your oasis here.

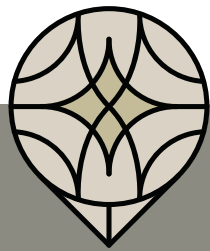


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