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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



**T**he 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.

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## **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

**F**or 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](http://www.Vegas.com)*

MAKING PARENTHOOD POSSIBLE

# Our Experts



**T**he 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.

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.*

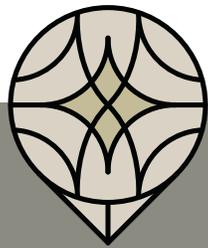


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