

GETTING PREGNANT HYSTEROSCOPY

Known as an **operative** hysteroscopy, this fertility surgery procedure can be used to treat problems contributing to female infertility as well as to diagnose causes of female infertility, in which case it is referred to as a **diagnostic** hysteroscopy. A diagnostic hysteroscopy uses a smaller 3-mm hysteroscope and is an office procedure, while an operative hysteroscopy is an over-night procedure and involves the use of a larger 9-mm hysteroscope. A hysteroscopy can be a very effective tool in the diagnosis and treatment of uterine irregularities that are contributing to female infertility. In particular, it can be useful in the treatment of uterine fibroids, as well as scarring, polyps and congenital malformations such as a uterine septum. Furthermore, a diagnostic hysteroscopy can be effective in identifying the cause of multiple miscarriages, as well as determining whether the shape and size of the uterus are contributing to infertility.

DIAGNOSTIC PROCEDURES FOR INFERTILITY

Non-invasive:

- History and Physical Examination
- Laboratory evaluation
- Preconceptual Counseling
- Semen Analysis
- Hormonal Testing
- Transvaginal Ultrasound
- Color Doppler and 3D sonographic imaging
- Color Doppler and 3D power Doppler hysterosalpingography (sonohysterosalpingography)

Invasive:

- Hysteroscopy
- Laparoscopy



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