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INTRODUCTION

Kiran Infertility Centre Pvt. Ltd., Hyderabad, India (KIC) is a Super Specialty Facility dealing in Infertility Treatments & Surrogacy. Every month, there are more than 100 people realize their dream of having their own children. Over the years, we have helped more than 32000 couples

Our Surrogacy Program for International Intended Parents has been a great success since its inception in January 2008. Within a short time span of less than 4 Years, we have become one of the most preferred facilities across the Globe offering Surrogacy. We have had more than 800 Prospective Parents from 21 different nationalities enrol into our I.V.F. & Surrogacy Programs. We have helped conceive 218 International Surrogacy baby births already and more than 100 births scheduled over the next 9 months. This, with a success rate of more than 65%!

Thank you for your interest in KIC. You may have received this e-mail as a current/ past client working with us, or an inquiry, a donor, or just someone who is interested in learning more about Surrogacy. Regardless, we would love to hear about your experiences, and we would be happy to address your concerns regarding the process, cost, or other details.

1ST ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SURROGACY CONFERENCE- NYC !

We organized our 1st Annual International Surrogacy Seminar at the Empire Hotel, New York City on Saturday, December 10th, 2011. Here, we intended to bring together past, present and potential clients. This event was planned to familiarize Intended Parents in USA with various aspects of Surrogacy in India. It was attended by Dr. Pratima Grover (Senior Program Director), Sai Raj Jaiswal (Head-Legal & Accounts), Anjani Kumar (Case Manager: India), Alexis Thomas (Case Manager- USA), and more than 50 Intended Parents.



“This successful event is the first of many surrogacy seminars that will take place in the US”, said Dr. Samit Sekhar.

ACTIVITIES :SINCE DEC.2011

- ✓ 46 New Intended Parents have joined our Program
- ✓ 18 New Births
- ✓ 43 International Intended Parents have visited KIC
- ✓ 19 Samples of Genetic Material shipped to KIC by I.P's
- ✓ 4 New Caucasian Donors Inducted
- ✓ 5 New Indian Donors Inducted
- ✓ 59 Fresh Transfers carried out, resulting in 28 Pregnancies
- ✓ Purchase of LABOTECT C16 Incubator for short time culture of the Embryos
- ✓ Purchase of A STEROZOOM SZ61 Microscope from Olympus for more precision in Semen Analysis.



EMPLOYEE FOCUS: DR. SAMIT SEKHAR, M.B.B.S.



Dr. Samit is one of the Youngest Embryologists in India. After completing his M.B.B.S. in 2005, he joined KIC and looked into overall administration of the facility. After 2 years of training under Dr. Kiran Sekhar and other eminent Embryologists, he started working as an Embryologist since Nov. 2007. He has handled more than 1500 Indian Cases and more than 600 International Cases, making him one of the most successful Embryologists in India. He is in-charge of overall maintenance of IVF Lab, and day to day counselling of patients.

By introducing programs for International Patients, he has been instrumental in the expansion of KIC, from a facility of National Repute to a facility of International Recognition. He was also invited by the US Consulate in Hyderabad in a presentation concerning International Surrogacy. He was also honoured recently by a NGO working for Women Empowerment, for his efforts in providing earning opportunities to women.

 **HelpAge India**

SOCIAL INITIATIVES

We at KIC understand our responsibility towards society. In our endeavour to provide affordable services to poor, the management has decided to pursue One Case of a Below Poverty Line (BPL) family every week. KIC in collaboration with an NGO HelpAge India working for abandoned Old and needy people, has undertaken to sponsor One Year's Maintenance & Medical Expenses for an Elderly Person for every Surrogacy Case being enrolled. We have associated ourselves with N.G.O. CHETNA, working for Empowering poor abandoned Women, Widows and is supporting 18 Self Help Groups of 10 Women each establish their own small scale businesses by financing them through CHETNA.



PARENT FOCUS

This column is designed to highlight those parents who want to share a little about themselves and their experience with our Surrogacy Program. Richard and Russell were excited to share their story with all of our readers. They welcomed their new baby Rhys in 2012 and could not be any happier.

Richard and Russell are both originally from Indiana. They met at Ball State University in Muncie, Indiana to earn their undergraduate degrees. Russell was the pianist for Richard's private voice lessons. The two became an official couple in 1998. After graduation, Richard and Russell made the big move to New York, where Richard pursues his singing career and Russell teaching at Tappan Zee High School, serving as Director of Choral Activities. Richard enjoys gardening and landscaping when he doesn't have Rhys in his arms. He also enjoys learning new music repertoire to try out on Rhys and making song recordings with our in house mini studio. His first and most favourite current hobby is taking pictures of Rhys and making videos.

Their journey all started about a year ago when they decided they were ready to be fathers and started researching their options for surrogacy. Once they made the final decision to go with Dr. Samit and his team, they knew they had chosen wisely. The rest fell into place and on January 17th their greatest joy (and stress) came into play when they received word that their new baby was on his way. **"It was literally like being on the 'Amazing Race' but the prize was even better than any dollar amount,"** stated Richard and Russell.

AN INTERESTING CASE...

Ms. Ray (name changed) from USA came to us for the first time in Mar-2012 for Surrogacy. They had spent large amount of money with middlemen, brokers and medical tourism agencies based in Chicago and California only to be led from one excuse to another and one failure to another, and then approached us. Ms. Ray weighed 264 lbs and had a body mass index of 32.34; she wanted her own Oocytes to be fertilized with donor sperm and transferred into a surrogate mother. Upon ultrasound, it was revealed that Ms. Ray suffers from polycystic ovaries, Medical History revealed long standing Hypothyroidism and history of Bipolar Mood Disorders. This case was significant and challenging for doctors because of weight of Ms. Ray combined with other factors diagnosed above, Doctors had to very carefully design an Ovarian Stimulation Protocol as we did not want Ms. Ray to land up in OHSS syndrome. Also because of her weight she was in the high risk category to be administered General Anaesthesia, after evaluating her chest X-Ray and EKG, she was taken in for the procedure. After 12 days of monitored stimulation, Oocytes Retrieval was done, these were fertilized with Donor Sperm and 5 embryos were transferred. Pregnancy Test turned up positive. The pregnancy is presently at 7 weeks. We wish the Mother Daughter duo all the best!



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EFFECT OF OMEGA-3 FATTY ACIDS ON MALE INFERTILITY

Fatty acids greatly improve blood flow to the genitals. They also lower blood pressure and support a healthy prostate gland. This helps in lowering the risk of erectile dysfunction. Prostatitis- (swelling of prostate), has serious reproductive repercussions. Because of natural anti-inflammatory ability of Fatty acids, it keeps prostate healthy and functioning properly. Delivery of sperm is only one aspect of reproduction. For fertilization to occur sperm must be strong, viable, plentiful, healthy and mobile. There are two things that lead to male infertility. One has to do with cholesterol and the other oxidation within the sperm.

Essential fatty acids and cholesterol make up a large part of sperm cell membranes. And over 60% of the fatty acids are DHA, which is an Omega-3 Fatty Acid. Supplements of the omega-3 Fatty Acid DHA (Docosahexaenoic Acid) reverse abnormalities in sperm associated with Infertility.

DONOR OF THE MONTH : **MELISSA**

We are focusing our donor spotlight this month on Melissa who is new to our donor database. Melissa will be turning 23 this month and lives in Arizona. An outgoing coffee connoisseur, a chocoholic, a poet, a perfectionist, a chef, a shopaholic, a world-traveller, a girly-girl, a tom-boy, a risk-taker, a thrill-seeker, an optimist, an opportunist, and a hopeless romantic... all in one! Academically, she grew up taking all honours and AP classes. She studied Russian language for seven years, and went on to major in Nutrition Science, Chemistry, and Pre-Medicine at Oregon State University.

Between moving across states, volunteering across international borders, and experiencing growth, change and new things, she has been blessed with a very fulfilling life thus far. But through and through, one thing has always remained true: her firm family foundation. She applied to be an egg donor to help couples fulfil their dreams of having a family and achieving the happiness and love that she was fortunate enough to have.

"Rejoice with your family in the beautiful land of life!" -Albert Einstein

