



Dear SASREG Accredited Clinic and esteemed ART colleagues

**Re: Announcement of Approved Accreditation Standards and start of application process**

We are glad to inform you that the new SASREG Accreditation Standards and Processes have received final approval from the SASREG Board. The accreditation procedure can now officially commence. Accreditation is a voluntary process to improve the quality of fertility care. The process has been developed by the SASREG Accreditation Sub-Committee in collaboration with Dr David Mortimer from Oozoa Biomedical, who is an international expert on this matter.

A Self-Assessment Tool has been developed from the Standards and Survey documents which forms part of the initiation of the accreditation process.

The SASREG Accreditation steps to follow are summarized here below and all the necessary documents are attached for your perusal:

**Standards and Self-Assessment**

The following Accreditation documents are attached to commence your accreditation process:

1. Accreditation Standards for IVF Centres 2022-2025. This document includes information regarding interpreting the Standards and the accreditation process and outcome.
2. Accreditation Application and Self-Assessment Checklist 2022-2025. This includes information on how to perform the self-assessment on the standards and requirements for the application.
3. A resource folder containing the full articles in PDF format of the reading list referenced in the Standards document. The folder is available for print/download and without conflict with copyright.

These documents require the attention from all staff in the organization to understand the process and relevant staff involved in each department.

**Application procedure**

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**Surveying visit**

1. Upon receiving an application, a team of surveyors will be allocated from our available surveyors.
2. The survey team will assess the application and ensure the submission is in order.
3. If the application satisfies the requirements, the survey can be scheduled at a convenient time for the surveyor and clinic.
4. The management and professional staff members from each department familiarised with the accreditation and self-assessment processes must be available during the survey visit and any follow-up communications.

Please note that there is only a limited number of available and willing expert colleagues in our country. They are all well respected and we must be appreciative of their efforts and time away from home to do the surveys and documentation. We will attempt to allocate impartial surveyors as far as practically possible.

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## Timeline

As per our previous letter, our planned timeline for official surveys is to be able to start in June and continue to September/October, or until all clinics have been surveyed.

Applications will be processed as they are received. Turners will assist surveyors and clinics with scheduling the surveys, documentation, and travel arrangements.

## Outcome and Accreditation

The outcome of the survey will be communicated with the clinic after official feedback report has been compiled and approved.

If accreditation was awarded, it will be valid for a three-year period.

## Accreditation Fees

The fee for accreditation will be divided across the period of three (3) years from application. The fees include the travel and accommodation expenses of the surveyor team for the survey visit and their remuneration.

1. Year 1: R10 000 payable at time of 1<sup>st</sup> application,
2. Year 2: R5 000 payable after 12 months from 1<sup>st</sup> application date
3. Year 3: R5 000 payable after 24 months from 1<sup>st</sup> application date.

The fees are irrespective of the accreditation status awarded since the accreditation process will be ongoing to achieve compliance for full accreditation.

## Trial surveys

Cape Fertility Clinic and Vitalab JHB have volunteered to be surveyed as trials for the survey process. We trust that our surveyors will gain the necessary experience to confidently survey all our ART units that follow.

## Information Webinar

For additional support and information on the new accreditation system, a webinar is being organized with our consultant, Dr David Mortimer from Oozoa Biomedical. Details will be communicated soon regarding date and time.

Should you have specific questions or queries for the Accreditation Committee, please email Lethisha (Lethishah@turnerssecretariat.co.za).

All the best with your preparations.

Yours sincerely

**SASREG Accreditation Sub-Committee**

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# Application Procedure

## STEP 1

The Application and Self-Assessment document must be completed.

## STEP 2

The required documents as indicated must accompany the application to be considered for the survey process.

## STEP 3

The fees for the first year must be paid in full and proof sent with the application.

## STEP 4

All application and accompanied documents must be sent through to Lethisha at:  
Lethishah@turnerssecretariat.co.za



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