

Participant Information Sheet



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Project Title

The experience of combining IVF and paid employment: women's narratives.

An Invitation

Hello, my name is Serena Walker and I am doing a research project as part of my Masters of Health Science programme.

You are invited to participate in this study, which seeks to explore your experiences of combining IVF treatment with paid employment. Participation is voluntary and you may withdraw, without any adverse consequences, from the research at any time, prior to the completion of data collection.

What is the purpose of this research?

The purpose of this research is to understand the experiences of women combining IVF treatment and paid employment. Research has often alluded to the challenge for women combining IVF and paid employment. However, no targeted research has focused specifically on this. It is hoped this research may assist psychologists/counsellors in further developing their understanding of how to offer support to women at this critical phase in their lives and may offer insights into appropriate work-place policy development.

The results of the research may also be published.

How was I chosen for this invitation?

Fertility New Zealand and the Parents Centre have kindly sent you this invitation via their own networks. You may have directly received this invitation or someone you know may have forwarded you this information if they think you might be interested. The first 5 women who volunteer for this research will be selected for participation.

What will happen in this research?

If you wish to participate in this research, you will be asked to meet at a time convenient for you, to take part in an interview with the researcher. The interview will take place at a mutually agreed venue, either an office venue or at your home. The interview will be semi-structured in that the researcher will have an interview schedule with some topics for conversation but you will be able to speak as much or as little as you wish to on any topic. It is anticipated the interview will last for up to 90 minutes. The interview will be audiotaped to make sure your experiences are accurately recorded. Once the interviews

have been transcribed, you will have the opportunity to read, review and make any changes or add any comments to your interview.

What are the discomforts and risks?

There should be very little risk to you participating in the research. However, sometimes, talking about your experiences may evoke some emotions. You do not have to discuss anything you are not comfortable talking about and can withdraw at any time without giving any reason. If after participation, you experience any distress or discomfort you will be able to access AUT Counselling Services for three free sessions.

How will my privacy be protected?

Your privacy will be protected by disguising any potentially identifying information in the report. To ensure that you are comfortable that privacy has been maintained, you will be given the opportunity to read your interview transcript and the analysis as it appears in the final report.

What are the costs of participating in this research?

There are no costs involved, other than approximately 90 minutes of your time for the interview.

How do I agree to participate in this research?

If you would like to participate, please contact me by email: wvc0029@aut.ac.nz or you can text or call me on 021 500404 within the next three weeks of receiving this information sheet. I will then contact you to arrange an interview time.

If you do agree to participate, you will also need to sign a consent form to show that you agree to take part in the research. This will be posted or emailed to you prior to the interview. Please read it carefully, and bring it along with you to the interview.

Will I receive feedback on the results of this research?

A copy of the final report will be made available to you.

What do I do if I have concerns about this research?

Any concerns regarding the nature of this project should be notified in the first instance to the Project Supervisor, *Sonja Goedeke*, sonja.goedeke@aut.ac.nz, 921 9999 ext 7186.

Concerns regarding the conduct of the research should be notified to the Executive Secretary, AUTEK, Madeline Banda, madeline.banda@aut.ac.nz, 921 9999 ext 8044.

Whom do I contact for further information about this research?

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