

Medical-related Acronyms

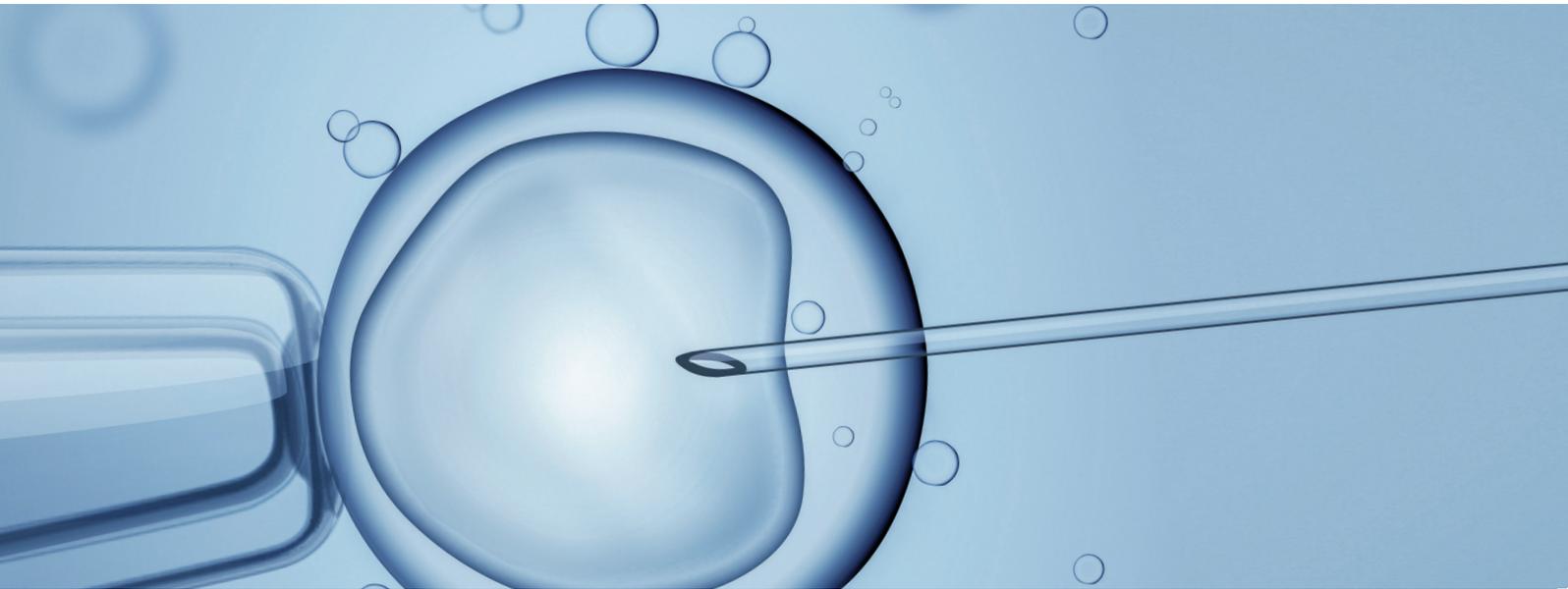
Introduction

An **acronym** is a word or name formed as an abbreviation from the initial components in a phrase or a word, usually individual letters (as in NATO) and sometimes syllables (as in Benelux for Belgium, Netherlands, Luxembourg).

Presentation

- **The following are all medical-related acronyms. These can relate to conditions, treatment, or locations. Read the different descriptions and match one acronym to the text they describe. All the acronyms can only be used once - one acronym for one text. If you are not sure at this stage, try to guess. It will become clearer later.**

PTSD OCD RSI PMS ADHD HRT ICU IVF



1. The symptoms of this include difficulty staying focused and paying attention, difficulty controlling behaviour, and over-activity. Sufferers may sit quietly, but they are not paying attention to what they are doing. Therefore, they can be overlooked, and parents and teachers may not notice that he or she has this.
2. This involves taking female sex hormones to replace hormones that ovaries no longer produce after menopause. It is very effective in easing many of the symptoms of menopause that women have.
3. This is a designated area of a hospital facility that is dedicated to the care of patients who are seriously ill.
4. This refers to physical and emotional symptoms that occur in the one to two weeks before a woman's period. Common symptoms include acne, tender breasts, feeling tired, irritability, and mood changes.
5. In the first days and weeks after a traumatic event, people often experience strong feelings of fear, sadness, guilt, anger, or grief. Most people will recover quite quickly with the support of family and friends. For some people though, a traumatic event can lead to mental health issues resulting in depression, anxiety, alcohol and drug use, as well as impacting on their relationships with family, friends, and at work.
6. This is a method of helping a woman to have a baby in which an egg is removed from one of her ovaries, fertilized outside her body, and then replaced in her womb.
7. This is a condition in which the prolonged performance of repetitive actions, typically with the hands, causes pain or impairment of function in the tendons and muscles involved.