



## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

The REI Protect Seal of Approval is a prestigious honor for fertility practices and IVF labs. It shows a commitment to safety and higher standards in fertility care, which benefits patients like you on the path to parenthood.

Below is a list of frequently asked questions to help you better understand this seal of approval.

### **Q.What is the REI Protect Seal of Approval?**

**A.** The REI Protect Seal of Approval shows that a fertility practice and its IVF lab are dedicated to safety and excellence in reproductive medicine. Quality and safety matter when you choose a clinic to help you build your family.

### **Q.Who is eligible for the REI Protect Seal of Approval?**

**A.** Fertility practices and IVF laboratories that have demonstrated a higher level of underwriting medical safety standards in reproductive endocrinology are eligible for the REI Protect Seal of Approval.

### **Q.What are the requirements for a practice to earn the REI Protect Seal of Approval?**

**A.** Seeing that a fertility practice has earned the REI Protect Seal of Approval can give you peace of mind because the practice has met rigorous standards.

- Employ board-certified reproductive endocrinologists who are members of SART.
- Hire doctors with outstanding communication skills, training and hospital privileges.
- Be under the direction of an executive director with appropriate experience.
- Possess a limited claims and incident history as a practice.
- Hold proper facility accreditation.
- Use core ASRM consents and appropriate policies and procedures.
- Have an IVF-specific electronic medical record system in place.

### **Q.What are the requirements for a lab to earn the REI Protect Seal of Approval?**

**A.** What happens in the lab is just as important as what occurs in the clinic. As a result, an IVF laboratory must meet a separate set of criteria before earning the REI Protect Seal of Approval.

- Possess CAP or TJC accreditation and CLIA certification.
- Hold active and documented clinical meetings with the practice clinical team.
- Implement and actively review appropriate policies and procedures.
- Have the appropriate IVF laboratory facility size and safety.
- Be under the direction of a top-flight laboratory director.
- Possess a limited claims and incident history as an IVF lab.
- Demonstrate the appropriate embryologist caseload.
- Have a sufficient number of embryologists employed.
- Use electronic witnessing, an active tissue management system and IVF lab sensor monitoring platforms.
- Have a high level of cryostorage tank safety and monitoring technology.
- Make and execute a long-term tissue safety plan.

### **Q.What do practices and labs need to do to maintain their REI Protect Seal of Approval?**

**A.** Organizations with the REI Protect Seal of Approval need to demonstrate an ongoing commitment to higher standards and safety. REI Protect will reassess fertility practices and IVF labs every year to ensure their continued eligibility.

### **Q.What are the benefits of working with a practice and lab with the REI Protect Seal of Approval?**

**A.** Working with a fertility practice and lab that have the REI Protect Seal of Approval can give you both confidence and comfort. Practices and labs that earn this honor have met higher standards in fertility care, which can improve your likelihood of successfully and safely building your family.