



15 Questions and Answers about Southeastern Fertility

1. Where is Southeastern Fertility located?

We are conveniently located in the West Knoxville area, just minutes from Interstate 40 and only a 15-minute drive from Knoxville's McGhee Tyson Airport.

2. Who works at Southeastern Fertility?

Dr. Jeffrey Keenan and Dr. John Gordon are our two Board-Certified Reproductive Endocrinologists. We have an outstanding Embryo Lab Director (ELD) named Carol Sommerfelt, who has extensive experience in all aspects of IVF. We also have a wonderful team of nurses and support staff who are dedicated to making your experience as pleasant and stress-free as possible.

3. Does Southeastern Fertility do diagnostic tests and treatments for infertility?

We offer complete diagnostic testing for infertility and a range of fertility treatments from ovulation induction to intrauterine insemination (IUI) to IVF and embryo adoption. Dr. Keenan maintains a very busy surgical practice and performs most of his surgeries at the University of Tennessee Medical Center in Knoxville.

4. How much experience do the doctors at Southeastern Fertility have in treating infertility?

Together, Dr. Keenan and Dr. Gordon have over 50 years of combined experience in treating disorders of reproduction.

5. Where do the patients seen at Southeastern Fertility come from?

We see patients from the local Knoxville area as well as many patients who travel to Knoxville from all over the United States and internationally as well. In any given week we may have patients from Michigan, Virginia, Arkansas, Colorado and many other states!

6. How can I determine if I have insurance coverage for infertility?

Once you make a new patient appointment, we will contact your insurance company and attempt to verify your benefits in advance of your new patient appointment.

7. How many patients are seen at Southeastern Fertility every year?

Southeastern Fertility is a busy practice with many new patients seen each week in addition to return visits. Our IVF program is growing, but we will remain dedicated to delivering the personalized care that our patients have come to appreciate.

8. How do I make an appointment to be seen at Southeastern Fertility?

Making an appointment is as easy as clicking on the link on our website or picking up the phone to call one of our friendly receptionists.

9. Does Southeastern Fertility participate in my insurance plan?

We will do our best to check your insurance benefits before your initial visit. Please remember that your insurance plan may not cover infertility diagnosis or treatment, so even if we participate with your insurance plan, you may not have any insurance benefits. Similarly, if you don't have any insurance benefits for infertility, then it really doesn't matter whether we participate with your insurance.

10. How much does a fertility evaluation cost?

The basics of a fertility evaluation include a pelvic ultrasound, a semen analysis, some blood tests and an evaluation of your fallopian tubes. The total cost of all these tests is usually less than \$1,500 for our self-pay patients.

11. What tests can be done at Southeastern Fertility?

Almost all of these tests can be done in our office, with the exception of some of the specialized blood tests. The x-ray of the fallopian tubes (hysterosalpingogram - HSG) can be performed by Dr. Gordon at the offices of Abercrombie Radiology for \$500 (hundreds of dollars less than at other facilities).

Our Mission

To provide comprehensive care and unwavering compassion to patients struggling with reproductive health issues.



12. Should I have tests with my Ob Gyn or my PCP before coming to Southeastern Fertility?

Many patients have some or all of their tests completed before their first appointment at Southeastern Fertility, but we are happy to see patients who have not done a single test but are suffering from infertility or other reproductive issues.

13. What can I expect during my new patient visit at Southeastern Fertility?

Your initial new patient appointment usually lasts about an hour and includes a detailed history and physical, including a pelvic ultrasound examination. At this appointment you will be provided with a wealth of patient information materials and we will craft a plan to further evaluate your situation.

14. How can I figure out what my best options are at Southeastern Fertility?

We will discuss your best options for treatment once we have completed your initial evaluation. Some patients will be best served through simple office-based treatments like ovulation induction and intrauterine insemination (IUI), whereas surgery may make the most sense for other patients. In vitro fertilization (IVF) may be recommended and we have several options for patients seeking IVF.

15. What makes Southeastern Fertility unique?

Southeastern Fertility is unique in its personalized approach to each patient while maintaining a respect for life that is rarely found in fertility practices. Come visit and see how we approach the complex emotional, physical and spiritual issues inherent in conditions that affect reproduction.

