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# MOTHER CITY'S HART FERTILITY CLINIC RELOCATES TO NEW NETCARE HOSPITAL

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**Affectionately, it's referred to as the Mother City and more and more global visitors are coming to have their Fertility treatment in Cape Town.**

This week the acclaimed Hart Fertility Clinic relocated to the 11th floor of the new Netcare Christiaan Barnard Memorial Hospital.

This 16-storey, purpose designed hospital is ideally positioned on the foreshore, adjacent to the Cape Town International Conference. The location is easily accessible from all major freeways into the city.

The Fertility journey is an emotional journey and the medical team at Hart Fertility Clinic realized it was a golden opportunity to share space with leading professionals in all the specific disciplines of medicine.

Today patients are very aware of obtaining the best treatment. The new hospital building has been designed to international safety standards and incorporates sophisticated green principles and technology to ensure on-going sustainability. Considerable emphasis has been placed on the inclusion of design elements to optimize infection prevention and control and enhance patient well being and their hospital experience..

As patients enter the Hart Fertility clinic, the reception area has been designed to put them at ease. A gentle floor to ceiling mural in muted pastel colors by Nadine of Sugar Knox creates a warm ambiance. Aimed at being patient-centric there is a holistic commitment to individualized treatment that incorporates psychological well being, healthy lifestyle and integrated healthcare, while maintaining best-practice evidence-based medicine. There is a state of the art andrology and IVF laboratory and a fully equipped theatre for on-site procedures.

The Hart Fertility Clinic is headed up by one of the most prominent fertility doctors in South Africa, Dr Klaus Wiswedel, a registered specialist in obstetrics and gynecology as well as a registered specialist in reproductive medicine. He is respected both locally and internationally as an expert and pioneer of fertility treatment in South Africa.

He was part of the team who achieved the first IVF pregnancy at Groote Schuur Hospital/ University of Cape Town. He also founded the first private IVF clinic in Cape Town, running it successfully for 23 years. He pioneered the first international egg donation program in South Africa which became the most successful in the country, achieving pregnancy rates of close to 80% under his leadership.

His achievements and firsts for South Africa include:. First frozen embryo pregnancy  
First to use ultrasound guided ovum pick up. First pregnancy from egg donation  
First pregnancy from micro injection  
First to use a gonadotropin-releasing hormone agonist in ovulation induction  
First pregnancy from oocyte vitrification and first pregnancy after embryo biopsy.

*Dr Wiswedel says " the location of the Clinic was worth the financial investment and the joy in helping patients. Today questions of fertility are raised when a couple has been unable to conceive after a full year of unprotected sex in women younger than 35 years, or after six months in women older than 35 years of age. Infertility affects up to 15% of couples in their childbearing years. HART Fertility Clinic will perform a detailed assessment, before recommending a fertility treatment plan depending on the underlying condition. Treatments may include ovulation induction, artificial insemination, in-vitro fertilisation (IVF), intra-cytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI), testicular biopsy, and egg or sperm donation"*

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