

Dear Medical Director,

One of the central missions of the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology is to improve the quality of services that member programs provide. Since 2010, live birth rates, embryo transfer practices, and multiple birth rates of SART member programs have been monitored. SART Quality Assurance citation criteria are published online on the SART website for each reporting year. The purpose of these criteria are to identify programs that may benefit from awareness of their outcomes and to offer consultation assistance when desired. The SART QA criteria are not intended as a punitive measure, but rather to promote the highest standard that embody SART membership. 2018 SART Quality Assurance Guidelines include the following five key metrics:

- a. Cumulative live birth rate <38 years old  $\leq 21\%$  (5th percentile nationally)
- b. Cumulative multiple rate <38 years old  $\geq 33\%$  (5th percentile nationally)
- c. Multiple birth rate donor oocytes  $\geq 33\%$  (5th percentile national <38 years old multiple rate)
- d. Any transfer of  $\geq 4$  embryos in any patient <38 years old
- e. Any transfer of  $\geq 5$  embryos in any patient 38-40 years old

For the 2018 reporting year, your clinic was cited for: XXX

We recognize that there are circumstances where programs may have violations due to conditions beyond the program's control, including a low number of cycles. Moreover, the QA Committee recognizes that the findings above represent past performance from 2018 and may not represent your current practice. This letter serves as a notification that your program has been placed on a confidential WARNING list. If violations persist in future reporting years, your program may next be placed on probation. We ask you to respond to this letter in writing through this portal within 30 days from the date of this letter by August 6th, 2020. Should you desire to discuss methods to improve performance, the QA Committee is available and a list of consultants who have indicated their willingness to help has been enclosed.

Sincerely,

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