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| Family A  * Mr and Mrs A are in their mid thirties and are unemployed. * They come from large families and desperately want children of their own. * They received one cycle of IVF on the NHS and spent their life savings on a second cycle. Both were unsuccessful. * They cannot afford to pay for this treatment privately again. | Family B  * Miss B is single and in her late forties. * She is a successful business-woman. * She always intended to have children, but never met the right man. * She has tried insemination with donor sperm but did not conceive. * Miss B would like IVF to try IVF treatment again with donated sperm. |
| Family C  * Mr and Mrs C have been married for 2 years. * Mr C is in his mid forties. Mrs C is thirty. * He has one son from a previous marriage who lives with them. * They have been trying for a child for 3 years, but with no success. | Family E  * Mrs E is a 35 year old widow. * Mr E died of cancer, but froze a sample of his sperm before he died. * Mrs E has a good job that pays well. * She is a smoker. * Mrs E would like to have IVF with husband’s frozen sperm to have the baby she has always wanted. |
| Family D  * Mr and Mrs D are in their early twenties and have been married for five years. * Mr D previously decided he did not want any children, so he had a vasectomy which prevents him having children. * They now both want children. * Mr D has tried, unsuccessfully, to have the vasectomy reversed. * They would now like to have IVF treatment using donor sperm. | Family F  * Mrs F and Mrs F are a gay couple and have been together for ten years. * They are in their mid thirties. * Mrs F’s male friend has offered to donate sperm so the couple can have a child. * They would like to use IVF treatment to fertilise their eggs before implantation of embryos into one of them. |