Embryos frozen pre 1 October 2009

Stored for treatment or donation, 5-year statutory storage period expires before 1 October

Is patient eligible to extend under current regulation (1996 regulations) ?

Yes

Under current regulations (1996 regulations)
Can extend up to a further 5 years (if a medical practitioner provides a written opinion that the woman has or is likely to develop, significantly impaired fertility). Use the WT/WD and MT/MD consent forms.

No

Embryos can remain in storage. In the light of the ministerial statement issued on 9 September 2009, and the publicly stated intention of the Government to issue new legislation, the HFEA will, exceptionally, take no formal action where it becomes aware that a centre is currently storing embryos whose 5-year statutory storage period has expired, but which can (as from 1 October 2009) be stored for a further period.

Stored for treatment or donation, 5-year statutory storage period expires after 1 October

After 1 October can renew consent and store embryos for up to a further 5 years (making the total maximum storage period 10 years). Use the WT and MT consent forms if using for own treatment, or WD and MD consent forms if embryos created using donor gametes.

Stored for surrogacy purposes, 5-year statutory storage period expires before 1 October

Embryo storage cannot be extended under current regulations (1996 regulations)

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Stored for surrogacy purposes, 5-year statutory storage period expires after 1 October

After 1 October can renew consent and store embryos for up to a further 5 years (making the total maximum storage period 10 years). Use WSG and MSG consent forms.

Stored for research purposes, 5-year statutory storage period expires before 1 October

Storage past the 5-year statutory storage period cannot be extended and embryos should be allowed to perish.

Stored for research purposes, 5-year statutory storage expires after 1 October

After 1 October can renew consent and store embryos for up to a further 5 years (making the total maximum storage period 10 years). Use WT and MT consent forms, WD and MD consent forms if embryos created using donor gametes and WSG and MSG consent forms if donating for a surrogacy arrangement . Embryos cannot be kept past the 10-year statutory period for research purposes.

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