

Opening up IVF to all women



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After two years of debate, the fourth version of the bioethics law has been enacted. It has enabled numerous advances, including the opening of medically assisted reproduction (MAR) to female couples and single women.

Until 2021, assisted reproductive technology (ART) was only authorized in France for heterosexual couples (married, in a civil partnership or cohabiting for at least two years) of reproductive age who had a medically diagnosed pathological infertility or risked transmitting a serious disease to their child.

The revision of the bioethics law, the third since 1994, has modified these rules. The law of August 2, 2021, concerning bioethics, extended medically assisted reproduction to all women who wish to have children, including same-sex couples and single women. The medical criterion of infertility, which previously determined access to ART, has therefore been removed. A woman has the option of freezing her eggs, without a medical reason, to preserve the possibility of becoming a mother. However, this law does not grant rights to everyone; transgender men are not included and cannot access ART as such.

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