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To: All Persons Responsible Reproductive Technology (RT) Centres

Dear Sir/Madam,

Council's Recommendations for the reference of Persons Responsible

I write to inform you that the Council on Human Reproductive Technology, in the course of handling a number of complaint cases recently, has made a number of observations which the Council would like to draw to the attention of all Persons Responsible of RT centres in the form of recommendations. These recommendations are supplementary to the Council's Code of Practice (the Code), and focus on areas that require particular attention by the Persons Responsible of RT centres licensed under the Ordinance. As directed by the Council, I now attach at Appendix these recommendations for your reference.

Should you have any enquiry, please contact the undersigned at 2961 8834 or Mr. Steven CHAN, Secretary to the Inspection Committee, at 2961 8952.

(AU YEUNG Wai-hung) Secretary, Council on Human Reproductive Technology

Appendix

Council's recommendations for the reference of Persons Responsible

1. Consent to be obtained before using patient's gametes/ embryos for quality control and/or training purposes

1.1 Written consent from the patients concerned must be obtained before their gametes and/or embryos are used for training and/or quality control purposes.

2. Deviations from clinical protocol(s) must be properly justified and documented

2.1 The Licensee and Person Responsible should properly and adequately monitor the centre's associated doctors to ensure due compliance with the centre's clinical protocol(s). Any deviation from the said clinical protocol(s) must be well justified, and the justification(s) for the deviation properly documented by, for instance, entry in the medical records of the patient(s) concerned.