The Vasectomy Reversal Center of America is a boutique practice dedicated to restoring fertility to our patients in an environment that is caring and compassionate, friendly and approachable. When you become our patient, you become part of our extended family. The ability to take care of you is a privilege to us.

Let us answer all of your questions about vasectomy reversal and conceiving a child naturally, as well as share some of the success stories from couples who have experienced the joys of parenthood.

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Life is full of change.

For couples who decide to conceive a child after a vasectomy, there are many questions. Fortunately, the vasectomy reversal specialists at Chesapeake Urology’s Vasectomy Reversal Center of America (VRCA) have the answers so many couples, and specifically women, are seeking. While the vasectomy, and subsequent reversal is performed on the man, women have very personal questions that also need to be addressed.

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More and more couples are seeking reversals for a variety of reasons: A man wants to father a child with a new partner; a woman marries an older man who is on his second marriage and they want to conceive a child naturally; a couple loses a child years after a man’s vasectomy; or a couple thought they had finished having children and have a change of heart.

The vasectomy reversal specialists at VRCA understand that a vasectomy reversal is a major life decision. Our team is committed to providing you with education, support, expertise and important answers to many of your pressing questions.
WHAT IS A VASECTOMY REVERSAL?

A vasectomy reversal is a microsurgical procedure to restore the connection of the vas deferens that was previously cut during a vasectomy. The vas deferens is the tube that carries sperm to the ejaculate. The procedure allows the sperm to travel through these tubes to the semen so that it is once again part of the ejaculate that fertilizes the female egg during intercourse. At the Vasectomy Reversal Center of America, Drs. Karen Elizabeth Boyle, David Fenig and Brad Lerner are among the nation’s leading microsurgeons specializing in microsurgical vasectomy reversals. And, their success rates with vasectomy reversals are over 90 percent.

MY HUSBAND HAD A VASECTOMY MANY YEARS AGO. THIS IS HIS SECOND MARRIAGE. DOES IT MATTER HOW LONG IT HAS BEEN SINCE HIS VASECTOMY?

The good news is, it does NOT matter how many years are between a man’s vasectomy and vasectomy reversal. What is important is the skill and training of the surgeon. The Vasectomy Reversal Center of America’s microsurgeons have had success reversing vasectomies for men who had a vasectomy more than 15 to 20 years ago, and even longer in some cases. In fact, one of our physicians successfully reversed a vasectomy for a patient who had a vasectomy 35 years earlier and was not only a father already, but a grandfather. Our longest time interval between vasectomy and reversal is 42 years and this couple successfully conceived.

HOW LONG WILL IT BE AFTER MY PARTNER’S VASECTOMY UNTIL I CAN BECOME PREGNANT?

It’s important for women to understand that getting pregnant after a vasectomy reversal is usually a six to 12 month process. And, while it is certainly not unheard of for a woman to become pregnant only a few months following the reversal, it’s important for women to know that this is not the norm.

Couples can start trying to become pregnant after only a few weeks following the vasectomy reversal. This allows for unlimited fertility potential. There are no increased risks of miscarriage or birth defects following the reversal, so a couple can proceed confidently knowing that once sperm counts return to normal, the man’s fertility has returned to baseline.

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WHY SHOULD I CONSIDER A VASECTOMY REVERSAL VERSUS IN VITRO FERTILIZATION (IVF)?

If female fertility is not a problem and the male partner has had a vasectomy, couples should consider the choices – vasectomy reversal or In Vitro Fertilization (IVF)?

There are several factors that make vasectomy reversal a better option than IVF for many couples including:

1. Lower cost. A vasectomy reversal costs significantly less than all of the tests, treatments, drugs and surgery that goes along with IVF.

2. Higher pregnancy rates. In couples where a man has had a vasectomy and no female factor infertility exists, vasectomy reversal typically results in higher pregnancy rates than conception through IVF.

3. High success rates. Regardless of the interval of time between a man’s vasectomy and the vasectomy reversal, the success rates at the Vasectomy Reversal Center of America are over 90% for returning sperm to the ejaculate following a vasectomy reversal.

4. No invasive treatments and procedures for the woman. For many women, this fact is a top reason for not turning to IVF.

5. There is no increased risk of having multiples (e.g. twins or triplets) following a vasectomy reversal compared to the increased risk with IVF.

6. With vasectomy reversal, couples have unlimited fertility potential for pregnancy compared to IVF which requires procedures and medication for each fertility and pregnancy attempt.

IS THERE A DIFFERENCE IN THE SUCCESS RATES OF A GENERAL UROLOGIC SURGEON WHO PERFORMS VASECTOMY REVERSAL VERSUS A REVERSAL PERFORMED BY A FELLOWSHIP-TRAINED MICROSurgeON?

The difference in success rates is dramatic. The success rate of the general urologic surgeon is about 30 to 40 percent, while the fellowship-trained microsurgeons at the VRCA have a success rate of over 90 percent for reversals. Additionally, the surgeons at VRCA have the needed experience with this delicate surgery, performing about four to five vasectomy reversals each week. When it comes to realizing the dream of conceiving a child naturally, having a vasectomy reversal performed by a microsurgeon affords couples with their greatest chance of the outcome they want - a baby.

CAN YOU TELL ME MORE ABOUT THE SUCCESS RATES AT THE VRCA?

Women often ask about the success of vasectomy reversal, which is a very important question. The answer is this: When performed by a highly skilled microsurgeon like the surgeons at the Vasectomy Reversal Center of America, success rates are over 90%.

The skill, experience and training of a physician truly makes the difference when it comes to the best outcomes of a vasectomy reversal. It’s important to go to a surgeon who has been trained in microsurgery and who performs reversals on a regular basis. At the Vasectomy Reversal Center of America, all of our microsurgeons are fellowship-trained in microsurgery and male reproductive medicine, and have extensive experience, and success, performing vasectomy reversals.
WILL A VASECTOMY REVERSAL AFFECT MY PARTNER’S SEXUAL FUNCTION?

Absolutely NOT! A vasectomy reversal, just as with the original vasectomy, will NOT cause sexual dysfunction for your partner. With vasectomy reversal, nothing is disrupted that is responsible for either testosterone production or achieving an erection. As a result, a man will not experience any difficulty with sexual performance, and his ability to achieve an erection and orgasm will remain post-operatively what it was pre-operatively.

HOW MUCH DOES A VASECTOMY REVERSAL COST?

There are three components that make up the total cost of a vasectomy reversal:

1. Professional fee to cover the procedure
2. Facility fee to cover either a hospital or an ambulatory surgery center cost
3. Anesthesiology fee to cover the anesthesiology cost

The initial consultation with one of the VRCA surgeons is usually covered by many insurance plans. However, most insurance plans do not cover the other costs of a vasectomy reversal, which is why it is important to check your individual coverage.

Most women have heard the phrase, “you get what you pay for.” Cost and value are factors for most patients when deciding on a vasectomy reversal. Choosing a lower-priced vasectomy reversal may actually cost you more in the long run - both financially and physically. Our expert microsurgeons have performed a substantial number of “re-dos” for patients whose first reversal cost less and was not performed by an experienced microsurgeon who could offer the highest quality vasectomy reversal.

On the other hand, the highest price does not mean that you are getting the most experienced or successful microsurgeon. The Vasectomy Reversal Center of America is priced competitively and if needed, a financing plan is available to support you in your goal to have a child. The plan, called CareCredit, offers zero percent financing for the first 12 months. You can learn more at www.CareCredit.com.
I'M GETTING OLDER – HOW DOES MY AGE AFFECT MY FERTILITY AND THE CHANCES OF CONCEIVING A CHILD NATURALLY AFTER MY PARTNER’S VASECTOMY REVERSAL?

It’s a fact that the spontaneous pregnancy rates for women over 40 are much lower than women under the age of 35. Today, so many women are putting off having children to pursue career and education, yet are many times unaware how age affects fertility. It’s important for women to understand that as they age, so do their eggs. Older women can have problems with eggs being fertilized, or fertilized healthily. Because it can take six to 12 months for the man’s sperm count to reach an optimal stage for natural conception following a vasectomy reversal, women over the age of 35 should take this into consideration when weighing the options for fertility and conceiving a baby naturally.

The surgeons at the Vasectomy Reversal Center of America are among the most experienced vasectomy reversal and male/female reproductive health specialists in the country. They are dedicated to educating women on all of their options when it comes to fertility, age and conceiving a healthy baby.