

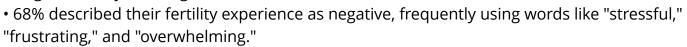
# A Fertility Care Crisis: Addressing the Needs of Those Facing Infertility

How Gaps in Fertility Care Are Failing Millions—and What Needs to Change.

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA, February 4, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ --Infertility is a medical condition that impacts millions of people worldwide. Yet, despite how common it is, many people navigating fertility challenges face significant hurdles, as revealed in a recent <u>study</u> conducted by <u>myStoria</u> and <u>Fertility Matters Canada</u>.

The findings shed light on critical issues:

• 92% of individuals are actively searching for resources to help them navigate fertility challenges.



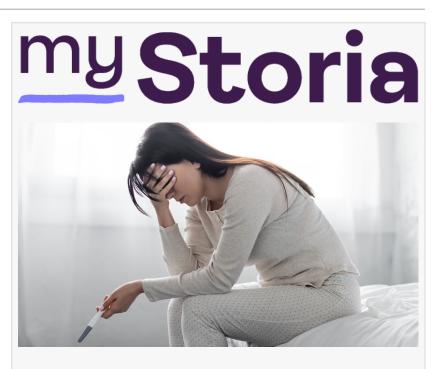
• 72% identified financial barriers as their biggest challenge, followed by limited treatment availability.

• Nearly 40% of women dealing with infertility have experienced anxiety or depression as a result of the emotional toll.

These findings highlight a recurring issue—people feel unsupported and under-informed during one of the most challenging experiences of their lives. It is clear that extending care beyond the clinic is crucial to address these needs.

The Emotional Weight of Fertility Challenges

The study highlights the profound emotional toll infertility takes. Many respondents said the emotional stress was an unexpected and deeply challenging part of their journey. Research shows that having a strong support system can play a vital role in improving mental health. However, fertility struggles often feel isolating, leaving people to navigate their emotions without



#### adequate support.

Platforms like myStoria are helping to bridge this gap, offering communities where individuals can connect with others who understand what they're going through. This type of connection has proven to reduce loneliness and provide a sense of solidarity during difficult times. By extending fertility care beyond the clinic, we can ensure individuals receive continuous support, addressing both their emotional and informational needs, every step of the way.

## The Financial Burden

One of the most striking findings from the study is the financial strain of fertility care. 72% of respondents said cost was their biggest obstacle, highlighting how unaffordable treatment often feels for those seeking care.

This financial burden forces people to make tough decisions—whether to delay treatment, take on debt, or, in some cases, abandon their plans altogether. Beyond the immediate costs, the lack of financial accessibility adds stress and pressure to an already emotionally taxing process. myStoria aims to reduce these burdens by providing tools and support that help individuals make more informed, cost-effective decisions while navigating their care.

### Access to Education

Another key finding was that nearly 30% of respondents felt they didn't have access to enough information during their fertility journey. For many, understanding medical options, treatment pathways, and outcomes can feel like navigating a maze without a map. Accessible and accurate information is essential for empowering people to make decisions confidently. myStoria addresses this need by offering resources designed to break down complex medical information into practical, easy-to-understand guidance, ensuring that people feel informed every step of the way.

### Navigating a Shifting Healthcare Environment

The study also explored how the current political climate is impacting fertility care. Nearly 60% of respondents expressed fear about how shifting policies might affect their ability to access care, and one-third reported becoming more cautious or changing their decisions entirely as a result. This uncertainty adds yet another layer of difficulty to an already complex process, highlighting the importance of stability, advocacy, and clear communication from both healthcare providers and policymakers.

### A Call for Change

This study makes it clear that fertility care must be more than just a medical solution. It must address the emotional, social, and financial challenges people face along the way. Extending care beyond the clinic is essential to provide the ongoing support and resources that individuals need to navigate these complex challenges.

Platforms like myStoria provide a valuable resource, offering tools, community connections, and

personalized guidance. But the responsibility doesn't stop there—policy makers, healthcare providers, and society as a whole must work together to ensure that fertility care becomes more inclusive, accessible, and compassionate.

Infertility affects millions of people, yet too often, they are left feeling unsupported and alone. By focusing on education, connection, and systemic change, we have the opportunity to create a future where no one has to face these challenges without help. It's time to prioritize fertility care in a way that supports not just the medical journey, but the human experience behind it.

myStoria is a digital fertility partner designed to address the complexities of infertility care. By providing personalized tools, insights, and support, myStoria helps users reduce the time, cost, and life disruption on their path to parenthood. Founded by a team of individuals who have experienced the challenges of infertility firsthand, myStoria is committed to creating a future where every fertility journey is met with clarity, compassion, and confidence.

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