

Men's participation in psychologic counseling services offered during in vitro fertilization treatments

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Objective: To assess frequency of male participation in psychologic support services during IVF treatments. **Design:** Retrospective descriptive study. **Setting:** University infertility clinic. **Patient(s):** A total of 284 low-income men receiving government-financed IVF. **Intervention(s):** Group counseling during treatment. **Main Outcome Measure(s):** Frequency of attendance to group counseling and perception of usefulness of the service. **Result(s):** One-half of the subjects enrolled in the counseling groups. There were no differences in clinical and demographic characteristics between attendants and nonattendants. Attendance was classified into three levels: occasional, intermediate, and consistent. Seventy-four percent of attendants fell into latter two categories. Significant differences were observed in frequency of attendance as a function of infertility etiology. Frequent attendants diagnosed with male-factor-only infertility were double the number of participants with female infertility. Ov