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Study Says Asian, Black Women Have Low IVF Success Rates

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According to two studies discussed at the 2005 annual conference of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine, Asian and Black women who undergo in vitro fertilization have lower rates of success than white or Hispanic women.

Infertility specialists at the University of Kansas-Wichita analyzed IVF clinic records between 1999 and 2000 for more than 75,000 patients whose race and Hispanic origin were reported. Their findings are as follows:

- There is a 25.7% live birth rate among all women who underwent IVF
- Hispanic women have a 26.7% live birth rate
- White women have a 26.3% live birth rate
- Asian women have a 20.7% live birth rate
- Black women have a 18.7% live birth rate
- Black women have a 22% rate of miscarriages
- Hispanic women have a 16.4% rate of miscarriages
- Asian women have a 16.2% rate of miscarriages
- White women have a 13.9% rate of miscarriages