

# Infertility & Twins



## COMMON TERMS:

**Oocyte:** immature egg cell that is still developing within the follicle of ovary

**Oogenesis:** maturation process an immature egg cell undergoes to become a potential egg cell

**Gamete:** sex cell that carries half of the genetic material of an organism; after fertilization, it will fuse to form a zygote (contains two sets of chromosomes)

**Zygote:** single cell formed when sperm successfully penetrates and fuses with a mature egg cell in fertilization. *Beginning of a new individual with a full set of chromosomes*

**Embryo:** after fertilization of egg, this is the early stage of human development in which organs are formed lasting up to around 10 weeks

**Fetus:** after 10 weeks, and until birth; considered a legal person when they are born

**Ova:** mature fully developed egg cell

**Ovum:** plural of Ova; mature fully developed egg cell(s)

**Surrogate:** Person who is inseminated with sperm and carries a fetus until birth