



**An open letter to our patients regarding embryo storage after Roe v Wade Overturned, dated 6/28/2022**

Yesterday and before, we have received many calls regarding the effects of embryo storage and disposition after the recent reversal of Roe v Wade (Dobbs v Jackson) announced last Friday, June 24, 2022.

The recent decision has no effect on embryo storage nor disposition in the State of Texas. Your embryos are safe and secure.

The recent SCOTUS decision allows each state to legislate and regulate pregnancy termination. Last year 2021, the State of Texas restricted terminations to ~6 weeks gestation, known as the heartbeat bill.

Another bill that was passed in a special session was HB No. 1280, commonly referred to as a “trigger bill” that would essentially ban all abortions in the state of Texas beginning 30 days after a SCOTUS decision (the trigger) that allows states of the US to prohibit abortion.

HB No. 1280, the “trigger bill,” has no effect on embryo storage nor disposition and currently there are no changes in the management of embryos that are created, stored or other disposition in reproductive laboratories in Texas.

As best the reproductive community knows, there is no serious movement in Texas to legislate and intervene with the storage and disposition of embryos or other reproductive tissues created in an IVF laboratory. If legislation was passed, all IVF facilities have relationships with long-term cryo-storage facilities and could transfer tissues to out of state cryobanks.

Most importantly, reproductive clinics and IVF facilities exist for the sole purpose of creating pregnancies and families, which all legislative representatives are fully aware.

Currently, it is business as usual in the State of Texas regarding embryo storage and disposition. We assure you that we are following this issue and will keep you updated.

Thank you,

Dallas-Fort Worth Fertility Associates