



Title	Prioritization of Patients in Human Assisted Reproduction Techniques Waiting Lists
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Aim

- 1) To identify patient waiting lists for publicly funded, assisted reproduction techniques (ART) and criteria used to prioritize patients in Spain and in other developed countries
- 2) To suggest criteria to establish a system for prioritizing patients on ART waiting lists
- 3) To describe prioritizing systems for assisted human reproduction treatment as presented in the national and international literature.

Conclusions and results

- 1) Most regions in Spain reported having a patient waiting list in 2006 and have established an age limit on female access to ART. Of the respondents, 58% had a female age limit of 40 years while 42% had a female age limit of 38 to 39 years. All respondents had established a limit on publicly funded treatment cycles (2-3). Among international respondents, 80% had established a female age limit of 40 years for ART treatment, and 33% reported having a patient waiting list in their country in 2006.
- 2) We identified 19 criteria in 11 main documents (8 institutions). Some grouped the criteria into two main categories (medical factors and social factors) with between 7 and 13 criteria in each category.
- 3) The New Zealand model is the only one to suggest a lineal prioritizing system for infertility services.

Methods

We conducted a descriptive study using a specific questionnaire sent to fertility institutions in Spain and developed countries, and reviewed national and international bibliographic scientific literature to identify criteria and prioritizing systems.