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Reproductive surgery vs assisted reproductive technologies: selecting the correct alternative.

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Many innovations have been made in advanced reproductive technologies (ART) over the past several years. These procedures now yield pregnancy rates of over 20% per cycle, rates that compare favorably to many types of reproductive surgery. Therefore, ART now represents a viable alternative for many patients suffering from infertility. As these pregnancy rates continue to rise, gynecologists will have to choose between ART and reproductive surgery for a larger number of patients. This article reviews the commonly performed reproductive surgical procedures and compares expected postoperative pregnancy rates to those of ART in order to help the gynecologist make this decision.

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