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International Clinicians Comment on *Human Reproduction* Article on Endometriosis

The journal *Human Reproduction* is publishing articles on a new reliable test for endometriosis (see attached press release from Human reproduction). The *Human Reproduction* press release is embargoed until 00.01 hrs (BST) on Wednesday 19 August. This is potentially an important development, and so the International Federation of Fertility Societies is issuing a statement on this work (see below). This statement is also embargoed to coincide with the Human reproduction embargo.

Professor David Healy (Monash University, Melbourne, Australia), President Elect of the IFFS said:

"Endometriosis is one of the most common causes of infertility and pain in women in all countries. Indeed, the annual costs of endometriosis exceed those of high blood pressure, migraine and Crohn's disease combined for women aged 15-45 years.

This simultaneous announcement today from 3 countries of a new simple test to diagnose endometriosis is very exciting. If other doctors can confirm this test, this might become the standard way of diagnosing endometriosis. This would mean that the condition could be identified earlier, which could give real benefits for infertile women".

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The International Federation of Fertility Societies (IFFS) is the main international body representing national societies working in the fields of fertility and contraception. The IFFS has 57 member societies from all parts of the world. Since its founding in 1951, the IFFS has undertaken a wide range of activities to promote the science and clinical practice of fertility at an international level. The next IFFS World Congress will take place in Munich in 2010 (<http://www.iffs2010.com/invitation.html>).

The IFFS can comment on any international issues relating to human fertility. See: <http://www.iffs-reproduction.org/index.html>

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