

In vitro fertilisation (IVF) is progressing and developing rapidly since the birth of the first IVF baby in 1978. Today, cutting-edge innovations are transforming fertility care, improving success rates, reducing risks and making treatment more personalised than ever before. Read on to know more about the most impactful recent advances shaping the future of IVF.

## Time-Lapse Embryo Imaging

One of the most innovative developments in IVF is the use of time-lapse incubators. These specialised systems continuously capture images of embryos without disturbing their environment. This allows embryologists to monitor development in real time and select embryos with the highest chances of implantation. Time-lapse technology improves accuracy, reduces manual handling and may lower the risk of embryo stress during assessment.

# Preimplantation Genetic Testing (PGT)

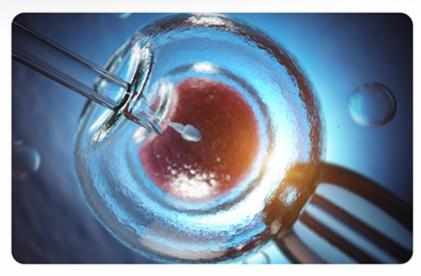
PGT over the years has developed into a procedure that offers greater precision with minimal harm to embryos. The latest PGT technologies can screen for chromosomal abnormalities (PGT-A), single-gene disorders (PGT-M) and structural rearrangements (PGT-SR). By identifying genetically healthy embryos, PGT helps improve IVF success rates, reduces miscarriage risk and supports couples with known hereditary conditions.

# Artificial Intelligence in Embryo Selection

Al has begun playing a major role in IVF labs. Advanced algorithms analyse thousands of embryo images to predict which ones are most viable. These Al tools complement the expertise of embryologists by reducing human subjectivity and offering data-backed predictions. Early studies show that Al-assisted embryo selection may significantly improve implantation rates.

#### Improved Cryopreservation Techniques

Vitrification is another new innovation which is in essence



an ultra-rapid freezing method. This has replaced older slow-freezing techniques. Today's optimised vitrification protocols offer near-perfect survival rates for frozen embryos and eggs which has greatly expanded possibilities for fertility preservation, elective egg freezing and flexible IVF cycles, while also improving outcomes in frozen embryo transfers (FET).

### **Advanced Culture Media and Lab Conditions**

State-of-the-art incubators, low-oxygen culture systems and enriched media formulations are now available that recreate the natural reproductive environment to the minutest detail. These improvements enhance embryo development, reduce stress and contribute to higher embryo quality.

## Non-Invasive Embryo Testing (NIET)

Last, but not the least, this is an exciting emerging approach which analyses genetic material released by the embryo into the surrounding culture medium without biopsying the embryo itself. Though research is still underway, NIET can potentially make genetic testing safer and more accessible.

Modern IVF technology is evolving rapidly, offering new hope to individuals and couples seeking to build families. As these innovations continue to advance, the future of fertility treatment looks brighter than ever before.

