

**The Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology (SART) promotes and advances the standards for the practice of ART to the benefit of our patients and society at large**

**BENEFITS OF SART MEMBERSHIP**

- Posting of annual data significantly earlier than the government
- Flexibility- SART can determine what information to post based on membership input. Recent changes include reporting of PGD cycles and live birth rates for higher order multiples rather than just the initial number of gestational sacs (overestimates live births by 30%) which more accurately reflects clinical outcome and is comparative to the results released by other countries.
- Prospective patients can locate a clinic near them by miles and/or zip code as well as evaluate sub-categories of results by diagnosis and age
- Interactive data- the query function allows SART members to view their own data, perform QA analysis of subsets of data for age, implantation rate, etc. and then compare their individual clinics results to the national dataset.
- Access to data for research
- Access to SOP's to assist members in meeting the FDA regulations
- Initiatives for nurses and lab techs such as regional networking opportunities
- Joint initiative with the American Association of Law Schools to develop a standardized informed consent document
- Visibility by having your program's contact information posted on the website
- Mechanism for interaction and a voice to the CDC, NIH, RESOLVE, AFA. This has meant that when governmental regulation involved ART that the agencies involved have come to you/us to see how we have defined quality ART. SART has been able to help them understand the special limitations and circumstances of reproductive medicine.
- Involvement with the SART Committee Structure ( Research, Practice, QA,, Validation, Advertising and Registry) to affect the direction of future ART initiatives.
- Use of the SART Member Logo in advertising
- SART marketing materials such as the patient brochure

## **MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION**

New applicants are eligible for Provisional membership. Applicants must conduct an IVF/ART practice that meets the currently published ASRM/SART Minimum Standards. Practices accepted for Provisional membership may apply for Active membership after one year provided that all fees are up-to-date, the annual data are submitted to the Registry, and the Minimum Standards are met. Applicants have a two-year period to reach the required level of cycles provided that the other criteria for membership are met.

In 2007 all member practices are required to pay \$300 for SART dues, \$500 Registry fee plus a cycle fee per cycle initiated. These figures are subject to change as circumstances dictate. Following approval of membership by the SART Membership Committee you will receive a formal invoice as well as the appropriate software for data entry.

With approval of your membership comes the responsibility of being a SART member. SART membership is recognized by Resolve, the American Fertility Association and other outside organizations to represent excellence in ART. This is accomplished by the professional quality of our members, and helped as well by defining and refining practice guidelines and validating our practices. Demonstrating our stringent voluntary efforts at increasing the quality of ART is a major reason that SART membership means quality to consumers.

The reputation for quality is maintained by more than just paying dues. Demonstrating that failure to follow through on practice or ethical guidelines affects continued membership is proof to the national community of our commitment to higher standards. This requires the efforts of SART members both in the clinic and individual members who serve on the SART Council.

Membership may be revoked for the following causes:

- 1 Receipt by the Executive Council of a written letter of resignation.
- 2 Failure of a member to submit data to the IVF Registry for one year.
- 3 Failure of a practice to conduct IVF/ART for a two-year period.  
Failure to apply for laboratory accreditation within stated time or unresolved practice guideline/QA/advertising issues (after due process)
- 4 Failure of a member to pay dues or other assessments for six months.
- 5 For cause, inconsistent with membership.

Additional questions may be directed to the SART Executive Administrator.