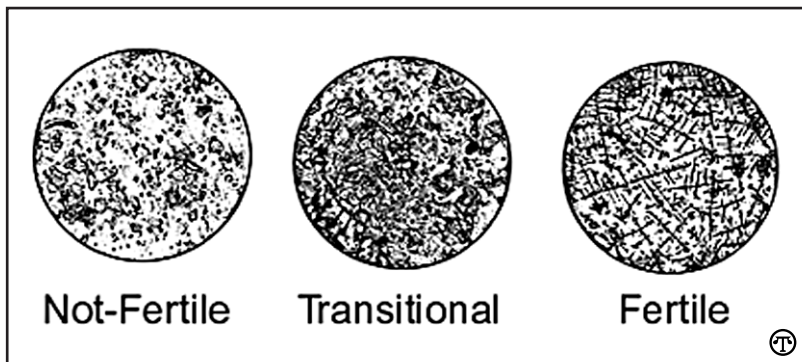


Finding The Right Time To Start A Family



For couples who want to have children, it's all in the timing. Fortunately, scientists have found a way to help pinpoint when it's a good time to try.

(NAPSA)—For many couples, children are an important part of the future. Yet many try repeatedly to conceive without success.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, more than nine million women seek medical help to discuss their chances of becoming pregnant. Further, The American Society of Reproductive Medicine reports that on average, one cycle of in vitro fertilization costs \$12,400. Fortunately, there's now an affordable, reusable, at-home test that can tell from a sample of a woman's saliva if she is ovulating.

"Until now, women have had few affordable and convenient options to help them determine when during their menstrual cycle they are most fertile and likely to become pregnant," said Marla Tobin, M.D. and board-certified family physician. "Ovulation Scope provides women with an inexpensive, convenient and natural method to family planning."

An affordable option for most couples, this new product accu-

rately predicts a woman's peak likelihood to become pregnant. Just the size of a tube of lipstick, it includes a built in mini-microscope. When a woman ovulates, her estrogen levels increase as well as the salt levels in her saliva. When a saliva deposit is placed on the scope, the salts will form a ferning pattern indicating, with approximately 98 percent accuracy, if she is in a fertile period of her menstrual cycle.

"When I talk to my patients about pregnancy planning I encourage them to be patient and optimize their chances of becoming pregnant by following a healthy lifestyle," said Dr. Tobin. "The Ovulation Scope is a good, affordable first step to giving women more information about their menstrual cycle before seeing a specialist which can be costly."

The Ovulation Scope is available at retail chains including Wal-Mart, Target, Kmart, Rite Aid and Eckerd Drug. It also can be ordered online at www.questproductsinc.com or by calling 800-650-0113.