

TECHNOSTORKS

A Review

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It is probably safe to say that most adult couples know the term, “*in vitro* fertilization” (IVF) and understand that it means joining a woman’s egg with a man’s sperm in a laboratory dish and placing the embryo (technically a preembryo) into the woman’s uterus for development. It is also safe to say that the average couple’s understanding stops there.

Imagine then the consternation in a couple who have come to the point where they are told that IVF is their last best chance to achieve their reproductive goal.

To be sure, the process will be described by the nurse and/or the doctor, and there are pamphlets without end to read. But, in this television age, most of us benefit by and understand better if our eye can see what our ear is hearing.

This is the role of the documentary on *in vitro* fertilization – TECHNOSTORKS – by Andrei Kirilenko.

This documentary highlights three couples as they deal with the emotional, financial, sociological, and medical aspects of exactly what is involved in the *in vitro* fertilization process.

Specifically, the viewer sees and hears exactly what is involved in the injection process designed to recruit more than the single egg of the normal menstrual period, exactly what is involved in retrieving that egg, exactly what is involved in the fertilization process in the *in vitro* laboratory, exactly what is involved when the preembryo is transferred into the uterus, and exactly what is involved in all of the other innumerable steps.

Lastly, we see and realize the anxieties of the interval after transfer until the pregnancy results are available.

This documentary fills a need for the couple requiring *in vitro* fertilization. It can be highly recommended as an accurate and informed explanation of the IVF process.

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