

Press release

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Inauguration of centre for medically assisted procreation in Geneva

The Clinique Générale-Beaulieu and Unilabs are pleased to announce the official inauguration on Thursday, November 17th of a centre for Medically Assisted Procreation (MAP) within the clinic.

As long-standing partners, Unilabs and the Clinique Générale-Beaulieu opened this MAP centre in May of this year in order to respond to the very large demand of couples who wish to procreate but need medical assistance. The MAP centre's team is made up of three gynaecologists, Dr Nicole Fournet Irion, Dr Anna-Maria Stalberg and Dr Gabriel de Candolle; a urologist, Dr Georges-Antoine de Boccard; and a biologist, Mr Philippe Renard.

The MAP Centre at the Clinique Générale-Beaulieu is equipped with state-of-the-art technological equipment, comprises a highly qualified staff and provides an optimal, safe environment for the transfer of embryos. It offers classical in vitro fertilisation (IVF), which involves the placement of eggs harvested by puncture in contact with treated sperm, microinjection of a single spermatozoon into individual harvested eggs, and the storage of frozen sperm and surplus fertilised eggs.

With the support of its partners and its experienced, multi-disciplinary team, the MAP Centre at the Clinique Générale-Beaulieu aims to become a centre of excellence in Geneva, supporting the medical community.

About the Clinique Générale-Beaulieu

Created in 1899, the Clinique Générale-Beaulieu is the first clinic in French-speaking Switzerland to obtain ISO 9001 certification. It is a member of the Swiss Leading Hospitals association and has a workforce of 380 employees. Its medical team is made up of 600 registered doctors. The clinic has 135 beds, an operating theatre with eight rooms, and a maternity unit with three delivery rooms. Its six specialised centres, including the institute of nuclear medicine, the radiology institute, and the robot-assisted laparoscopic surgery centre, are equipped with the latest technology. (www.beaulieu.ch)

About Unilabs

Unilabs, a Swiss company based in Geneva, is the European leader in clinical testing laboratories. With 50 laboratories and over 1,500 employees (900 in Switzerland) operating in five countries, Unilabs tests over 3.5 million samples per year using more than 1,500 different tests. Unilabs' clinical testing services are used by over 60 hospitals and clinics in France, Spain and Switzerland. Unilabs has been listed on the SWX Swiss Stock Exchange since 1997. (www.unilabs.com)

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