

Volvat partners with Spiren and offers treatment for involuntary childlessness

Almost 15 per cent of people who try to conceive experience involuntary childlessness. It is challenging for those in question. At the same time, society needs us to keep birth rates up. The purchase of the majority in Spiren fertility clinic is the first step in an ambitious effort to develop a solid offer for involuntary childless people in Norway.

Fewer and fewer children are born in Norway. It's a trend that's been going on for over a decade. Norwegian women now have fewer than 1.5 children each. This means that we are unable to maintain the population. Too few children are born in this country, Erna Solberg has stated.

At the same time, we know that many are involuntarily childless. In 2020, a number of amendments were made to the Biotechnology Act. Among other things, the Parliament decided to allow egg donation in assisted fertilisation. It was also opened up for single people to use assisted fertilisation in Norway. These changes give more involuntary childless people the opportunity to fulfil the dream of a child. It also allows more people to get help in Norway, rather than travelling abroad.

- We want to lead the way and develop a good offer for those who experience involuntary childlessness. The fact that single women now do not have to travel abroad is a breakthrough, says Per Helge Fagermoen, CEO of Volvat

Spiren Fertility Clinic – a leader in assisted fertilisation

There are many causes of involuntary childlessness and there are various methods of assisted fertilisation. Spiren Fertility Clinic in Trondheim was established in 2015 and is a leader in Norway on assisted fertilisation. The clinic has nine experienced staff, and offers investigation and all treatment methods in the field of childlessness, i.e. insemination, IVF (test tube treatment), sperm donation and egg donation. Since the Biotechnology Act opened for egg donation, Spiren has established egg banking.

Life's greatest wonder sometimes needs a helping hand. It is incredibly meaningful to be able to help single women or couples who are struggling to conceive. Volvat is a good choice for Spiren. We have wanted to partner with a strong and serious Norwegian company that emphasises care and quality. Our values base with a focus on research, personalised and evidence-based medicine harmonises with Volvat's philosophy. We are confident that together with Volvat we can offer the very best infertility treatment in the years ahead. Now that we are part of the Volvat group, we are even better equipped to further develop our services, says Liv Bente Romundstad at Spiren.

A solid offer and social responsibility for involuntary childlessness



Volvat has long wanted to offer treatment to those who have difficulty having children. The partnership marks the start of an ambitious venture into the future together with Spiren.

- We will offer involuntary childless the best support and treatment they can get. In a broader perspective, this is also about taking social responsibility. We depend on population growth to maintain the Norwegian welfare society. Erna wanted more children. We assume Jonas will too. This is our contribution to this call, says Fagermoen.

Volvat has previously had an offer for involuntary childless people.

- We have considered resuming this offer in the past but have spent time finding the right partner. Now we have found it. We have paid particular attention to the expertise, experience and technology that Spiren has. This gives us a solid basis for moving forward, eventually also in other parts of the country," concludes Fagermoen.

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About Volvat Medical Centre AS

Volvat Medical Centre AS was established in 1985 and is Norway's first privately owned hospital. Today, the Volvat Group is one of the country's leading private health companies for patients across the country.

Volvat has 20 centres located in Oslo, Fredrikstad, Moss, Hamar, Lillehammer, Bergen, Trondheim and Tromsø. The centres have a wide range of medical services ranging from health-promoting and preventive work to treatment and rehabilitation. Volvat has hospital approval in Oslo, Fredrikstad, Bergen, Trondheim and Tromsø.

Volvat is owned by Ramsay Health, which also operates large hospitals and medical centres in Sweden, Denmark, France, the United Kingdom, Italy, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and Australia.

Volvo's quality strategy is based on the group's vision "Always to help", which forms the foundation of the company, rooted in modern medicine and modern management. Volvat is uncompromising when it comes to patient safety, quality of delivery and continuous improvement of all services. Therefore, all clinical departments are ISO-certified according to the quality standard 9001: 2015 and the environmental standard 14001: 2015.

Per Helge Fagermoen is Volvat's Chief Executive Officer.



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