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### Making Miracles

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*Tonight, what appears to be a major breakthrough in the battle against infertility. A new test can tell if a woman can get pregnant - if not - why not - and possibly how to correct it. We'll show you how it's already Making Miracles.*

(WSVN) -- In spite of medical advances - for most infertile couples desperate for a baby - the quest remains elusive.

Cindy says, "To have such a strong desire to conceive a child and not be able to do so can be devastating."

It's also extremely expensive.

Lisa says, "I would say that I had probably already done, oh let's see, three four maybe six or seven I-V-F's."

And often fails.

Paulette says, "It's kind of like a roller coaster ride sometimes you get your hopes up and then they get crushed down."

But the new endometrial function test or EFT - which runs about 250-dollars can tell if a woman can get pregnant before attempting costly infertility treatments.

"Up until now there's really been no test for this."

Invented by a Yale University scientist - it requires taking a biopsy of the uterine lining.

Examining the tissue helps determine if it's healthy enough for an embryo to implant and grow and detects other problems.

Test Inventor Dr. Harvey Kliman says, "The lining of the uterus is like soil, for the embryo, that's what the embryo attaches to much like a plant attaches to the soil."

If it's not normal - various treatments can be tried to possibly correct it.

Reproductive Endocrinologist Dr. Alan Penzias says, "I've been astounded at some of the findings we've come up with and some of the folks, we've been able to change their treatment and they've been able to go on and do extremely well and get pregnant."

Experts in the field of infertility and reproductive medicine say it's an exciting new tool and is already making miracles - helping infertile couples become parents.

Dr. Kenneth Gelman of Memorial Regional Hospital says, "I firmly believe that patients who are going to be undergoing a high tech procedure such as invitro probably will benefit to do this test beforehand in order to know that they didn't have these other conditions which may hinder their ability to actually conceive."

Paulette's test discovered a problem - so she's holding off until doctors can figure out exactly what's wrong and fix it.

Paulette says, "It'll save us money instead of going straight into invitro."

Cindy's came back normal giving her confidence to try another round of invitro.

Alec is due Nov. 4th.

Cindy says, "This child is indeed a miracle and the experience of carrying him is awe inspiring."



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But the test - steered Lisa down the right treatment path and finally led to Benny.

Lisa says, "He's our miracle baby."

The test is so new, not many people know about it - but a few South Florida doctors are using it.

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