

# “I HAD IVF AT 26.”

In vitro fertilisation isn't just a “fortysomething” thing, as young mum Nicole Madigan found out.

**M**y sister-in-law just has to think about sex and she could safely book a birthing suite and start decorating the nursery.

It was the same for a friend of mine - her bub was born nine months after the wedding. So, at just 25, and newly married, my husband and I decided that it was the right time; we were ready to let go of our zealous dedication to contraception. We wanted to be parents.

Out came the billowy tops and baby-doll dresses in preparation for my impending bump, and I began taking note of potential baby names. Infertility just wasn't something I thought about, I was simply too young. But, as the months went by, the “have fun trying” philosophy started to wane.



