

Assisted
Reproductive
Technology
through a public
health lens





Question:

Is it a public health issue?



Two different lenses

1. ART is a public health tool
2. ART as a public health challenge

Some considerations

The impact of:

- **Extension of fertility**
- **Commercialisation of reproduction**
- **Long term outcomes (mother, child, families and support structures)**
- **Psychosocial impact of not succeeding**
- **Originally there was the higher frequency of multiple births (burden on the health system)**
- **Reproductive tourism**
- **Inheriting infertility**
- **Allocation of resources**
- **Changing the composition of future society**
- **Prioritisation of health care**

And also

- Potential to treat chronic disease of infertility
- Psychosocial impact of successful outcomes



A final question

From a public health perspective should we focus on ART

or

Fertility/infertility and underlying causes