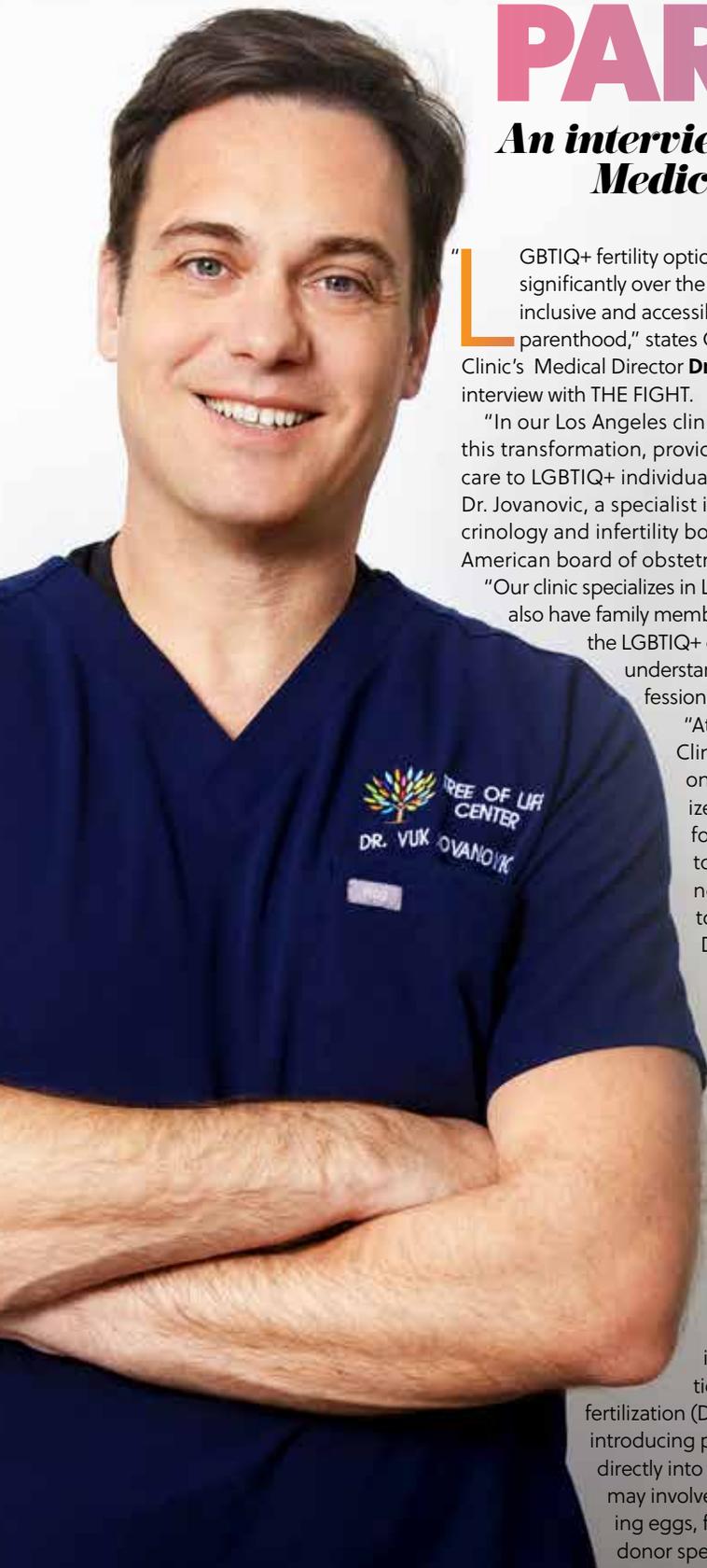


THE PATH TO PARENTHOOD

An interview with California Fertility Clinic's Medical Director Dr. Vuk Jovanovic

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"LGBTIQ+ fertility options have evolved significantly over the years, offering more inclusive and accessible pathways to parenthood," states California Fertility Clinic's Medical Director **Dr. Vuk Jovanovic** in an interview with THE FIGHT.

"In our Los Angeles clinic, we've been part of this transformation, providing comprehensive care to LGBTIQ+ individuals and couples," says Dr. Jovanovic, a specialist in reproductive endocrinology and infertility board certified by the American board of obstetrics and gynecology.

"Our clinic specializes in LGBTIQ+ care, but I also have family members that are part of the LGBTIQ+ community and can understand the needs both professionally and personally."

"At California Fertility Clinic, we pride ourselves on crafting individualized treatment plans for same-sex couples to meet their unique needs on their journey to parenthood," reveals Dr. Jovanovic.

"Our approach starts with an initial consultation where we discuss the couple's medical history, prior fertility treatments, and their family-building preferences."

"For female same-sex couples," he explains, "treatment options often include donor sperm intrauterine insemination (DIUI) or in vitro fertilization (IVF). IUI involves introducing prepared donor sperm directly into the uterus, while IVF may involve one partner providing eggs, fertilizing them with donor sperm, and transferring

resulting embryos to the other partner's uterus."

"Male same-sex couples may choose to use an egg donor and gestational surrogate. This involves selecting an egg donor, fertilizing the eggs with sperm from one partner or a donor, and transferring resulting embryos to the surrogate's uterus, allowing both partners to have a biological connection with their child," reveals Dr. Jovanovic.

"Throughout the treatment plan, we maintain vigilant monitoring and adjust as needed. Our priority is open communication and ensuring the couple feels well-informed and comfortable at every step."

The California Fertility Clinic's mission is "to empower same-sex couples with knowledge, resources, and support to make informed decisions about their fertility treatments," says Dr. Jovanovic. "We approach each couple's situation with compassion, recognizing that the path to parenthood is a deeply personal journey for everyone we serve."

As for the trans population, the California Fertility Clinic "is dedicated to providing comprehensive and compassionate fertility solutions tailored to the unique needs of the transgender community. We understand that individuals undergoing gender transition have specific fertility concerns and offer a range of options to address them," states Dr. Jovanovic.

"Our team understands the deeply personal and unique journey to parenthood within the transgender community. We work closely with our patients to create tailored treatment plans aligned with their goals and circumstances, ensuring access to a diverse array of fertility options and the compassionate care they deserve at California Fertility Clinic."

"Our ultimate goal," reveals Dr. Jovanovic, "is to empower LGBTIQ+ couples with the resources and guidance essential for navigating the complex landscape of fertility treatments and family-building. We are dedicated to providing compassionate, inclusive, and personalized care tailored to the individual journey of every LGBTIQ+ couple, ensuring they have the opportunity to realize their cherished dream of parenthood." ■

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