

IVF Mix-ups which have come to the media attention.

New York, USA, 1999 - Mixed race twins born after embryo mix-up – Mother returning “wrong twin” to biological parents

California, 2000 – Wrong embryo transferred. Patient won 1m USD damages but biological parents fighting. Gynaecologist had his License revoked.

London, UK, 2001 - St George's hospital – 2 women have the wrong embryos transferred. Both had terminations.

Leeds, UK 2002 - Wrong sperm used – black twins born to white parents. White parents keeping them.

Leeds, UK 2002 - Accidental destruction of embryos against patient's wishes after a “filing error”.

Leeds UK, 2002 - embryologist mis-read the name on a test-tube and used the wrong sperm to fertilise eggs. The mistake was noticed and the embryos destroyed.

London, UK, August 2003 - Wellington Hospital – DNA tests confirm that teenager has different biological father due to a sperm mix-up.

Liverpool, UK, October 2003 – Group of embryos were exposed to sperm from other men

New York, USA, 2007 – Couple give birth to black daughter and sue fertility clinic for malpractice.

Jerusalem, Israel, May 2007 – 3 women's eggs fertilised by wrong sperm.

Kagawa, Japan, Feb 2009 – Woman implanted with wrong embryo. Had a termination and is suing for GBP 150000.00

London, UK, Guy's Hospital April 2009 – 3 women had eggs fertilised by the wrong sperm. The mistake was caught before implanting the embryos.

Cardiff, UK, June 2009 – last viable embryo taken from Cryo storage but implanted into wrong patient who then had termination. Biological parents sued for GBP 25,000.00.