





## Astec acquires AI fertility product Life Whisperer

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FUKUOKA, Japan, Oct. 17, 2024 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Astec, a global manufacturer of medical equipment for assisted reproduction, has acquired Life Whisperer, a non-invasive and rapid embryo and egg (oocyte) assessment tool designed to improve pregnancy outcomes for IVF patients.

Life Whisperer comprises three AI algorithms. Life Whisperer
Viability assesses images of embryos to determine the likelihood
that the embryo will lead to a pregnancy. Life Whisperer
Genetics evaluates an embryo's morphological quality and its
likelihood of being genetically normal (euploid). Life Whisperer
Oocyte evaluates images of oocytes (single or group culture) to
determine how likely the oocytes are to form a good quality
embryo, or blastocyst. Multiple international studies have shown
Life Whisperer can improve pregnancy and live birth outcomes.

The acquisition by Astec, with their strong global distribution network in the fertility sector, will accelerate the proliferation of this promising AI technology into IVF labs around the world.

Astec also intends to make Life Whisperer a key feature of its embryo incubator product range.

Takeo Cho, Deputy CEO of Astec said "We are excited to incorporate Life Whisperer in our product range to further our mission of supporting the assisted reproductive industry globally. We believe AI will be a core feature of every IVF lab in the future and we are delighted to offer our customers one of the most advanced and validated products in the market."



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## **Life Whisperer**

Life Whisperer is a world-leader in the application of AI in IVF.

The Life Whisperer Viability and Genetics AI-based embryo and

Life Whisperer Oocyte assessment tools are the first to be

commercialized in a series of applications that encompass the

complete IVF journey. Life Whisperer aims to improve IVF

success rates at every point and, as a result, reduce time-to
pregnancy, making IVF more affordable and accessible to

patients globally. Life Whisperer is being used in IVF clinics

around the world.