

# Same-sex couple make medical history after they BOTH carry their baby son in womb

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The two mums are believed to be a first for medics as they shared in the pregnancy of their son

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Ashleigh and Bliss Coulter now have a healthy five-month-old son (Image: Instagram / ashleigh.coulter)

A same-sex couple are believed to have made medical history after becoming the first women to deliver a baby they BOTH carried.

Ashleigh and Bliss Coulter now have a healthy five-month-old son, Stetson, after revolutionary fertility treatment.

Eggs were taken from Bliss, 37, and fertilised with donor sperm in a laboratory. The embryo was then placed back inside her for the first five days as she acted as an incubator.

She did not want to carry a child, so it was transferred to Ashleigh, 29.

Ashleigh said: "I was very much interested in having children, but Bliss was a little iffy on it."

Bliss added: "I wanted a child that was biologically mine, but did not want to carry the child."



Ashleigh and Bliss Coulter with their son (Image: Instagram / ashleigh.coulter)

Same-sex female couples usually have children via a sperm donor with one woman carrying the baby and the other adopting it.

But Bliss and Ashleigh, of Mountain Springs, Texas, both wanted to be involved and went to visit fertility specialist Dr Kathy Doody in nearby Bedford, who was recommended by a friend. She offered them Effortless Reciprocal IVF, which although not a new procedure it has never been used before between two mothers.

It involves fertilising an egg with donor sperm in an INVOcell capsule. That is placed in a woman's vagina, which acts as an incubator.



Their baby, named Stetson, was born via revolutionary fertility treatment (Image: Instagram / ashleigh.coulter)

Normally, the same woman donating her eggs carries the embryo. But because the egg and embryo came from Bliss and were then put in Ashleigh, Dr Doody believes it is the first of its kind. Ashleigh said: "Bliss always jokes she has golden eggs." Bliss said she was "overwhelmed with joy" when Stetson was born in June, weighing 8lbs 4oz.

She added: "My next thought, was what is he going to look like? Be like? Pretty much like every parent, but I was excited that this was even possible.

"The moment he was born, I just thought to myself, I felt like I was the most blessed person in the whole world because he was perfect in every way."