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Dr. Gail Whitman-Elia to receive a National Physician of the Year award

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It is generally estimated that as many as one in ten couples will have trouble conceiving at some point in time, and the Center for Disease Control estimates that as many as 20% of couples will have difficulty conceiving.

According to Dr. Whitman-Elia, more and more people are coming to see her for reproductive help

because they are more aware that there are options for them.

"For me, the most joyful thing is when a person gets pregnant who has really been trying," Dr. Whitman-Elia said. It is clearly a joyful thing for her patients as well.

Jennifer and Stacey Maples, current patients of Dr. Whitman-Elia, went through an in-vitro fertilization recently. Even

though only two embryos were implanted, Jennifer is now pregnant with triplets because one of the embryos split.

Jennifer Maples said, "We can never thank Dr. Whitman-Elia and her staff enough for what they've done, and we can't wait to meet the "three little miracles created by Dr. Whitman-Elia."