Tubal Problems

Depending on the cause and extent of the blockage, it may be possible to repair your tubes. If the following doctors are too far away from where you live or work, they may know of a similar practitioner in your area.

- Radiology: Dr. Wendy Thurston, Toronto, 416-530-6027 – a radiologist who uses “fallopian tube recanalization” to clear blockages.
- Massage: Clear Passage Therapies, 1-866-222-9437, ClearPassage.com – uses the Wurn Technique, a ‘site-specific’ massage, to treat blocked fallopian tubes and adhesions.

While it used to be fairly common practice to try to repair fallopian tubes, studies have generally found tubal surgery to be less successful than IVF at producing a pregnancy.

NB: Ontario is the only Canadian province which pays for any IVF and it only does so for blocked tubes (not from a previous sterilization) and only for 3 trials. Therefore, if you currently have both tubes blocked, you may want to try IVF first and resort to surgery only if it doesn’t work; if you have surgery first and your tubes are opened, you will then have to pay for IVF personally ($5,000+ per trial just for the procedure, plus another $3,000-$5,000 for fertility drugs) even if your tubes are not fully functioning.

Please see the links to useful websites set up at:

- [InfertilityNetwork.org](http://www.infertilitynetwork.org)
- [groups.yahoo.com/group/InfertilityNetwork](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/InfertilityNetwork)