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Sheryl de Lacey is Professor of Nursing in the College of Nursing & Health Sciences at Flinders University where she teaches bioethics and professional conduct. She is a co-author of the book *Ethics and Law for Australian Nurses*. Her research focus is Infertility and Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) and social ethics and she has a clinical background in this field as well as a strong background in consultancy and advisory roles to National and State Government bodies concerned with regulating ART practice.

Her research and publications focus on clinical aspects of infertility and its social effects, the impact of ART on women, the impact of social policy on ART patients and practice, and bioethical issues arising in ART. She completed a ground breaking qualitative study of patients' decisions for frozen supernumerary embryos and a population study of attitudes towards biological donation including organ donation and embryo donation. Sheryl is currently engaged in bioethical research concerning public views of non-medical sex selection, Australian's engagement with commercial surrogacy overseas, fertility literacy in the community, the ethics of applied child welfare clauses in ART policy, and public attitudes to Mitochondrial donation.

She is a member of the NHMRC Embryo Licensing Committee and recently served on the NHMRC Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) Committee which revised the Ethical guidelines on the use of assisted reproductive technology in clinical practice and research. She served for many years on the South Australian Council on Reproductive Technology, including as Deputy Chair, was a member of the National Bioethics Consultative Committee and the South Australian Nursing & Midwifery Board. She has served on several Research Ethics Committees and was Chair of the Animal Welfare Committee at Flinders University.