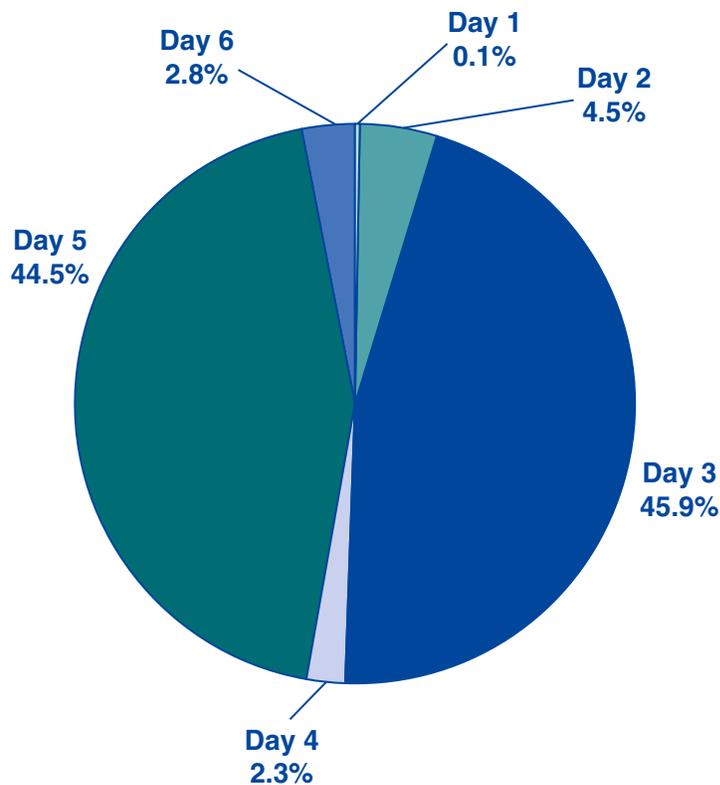


## How long after egg retrieval does embryo transfer occur?

Once an ART cycle has progressed from egg retrieval to fertilization, the embryo(s) can be transferred into the woman's uterus in the subsequent 1 to 6 days. Figure 29 shows that in 2012 approximately 46% of embryo transfers occurred on day 3. Day 5 embryo transfers were almost as common, accounting for about 45% of ART procedures that progressed to the embryo transfer stage.

**Figure 29**

Day of Embryo Transfer\* Among All ART Transfers Using Fresh Nondonor Eggs or Embryos,<sup>†‡</sup> 2012



\* Number of days following egg retrieval.

<sup>†</sup> Cycles using GIFT or ZIFT are excluded. Missing or implausible values for day of embryo transfer (i.e., 0 or >6) are not included.

<sup>‡</sup> Total does not equal 100% due to rounding.