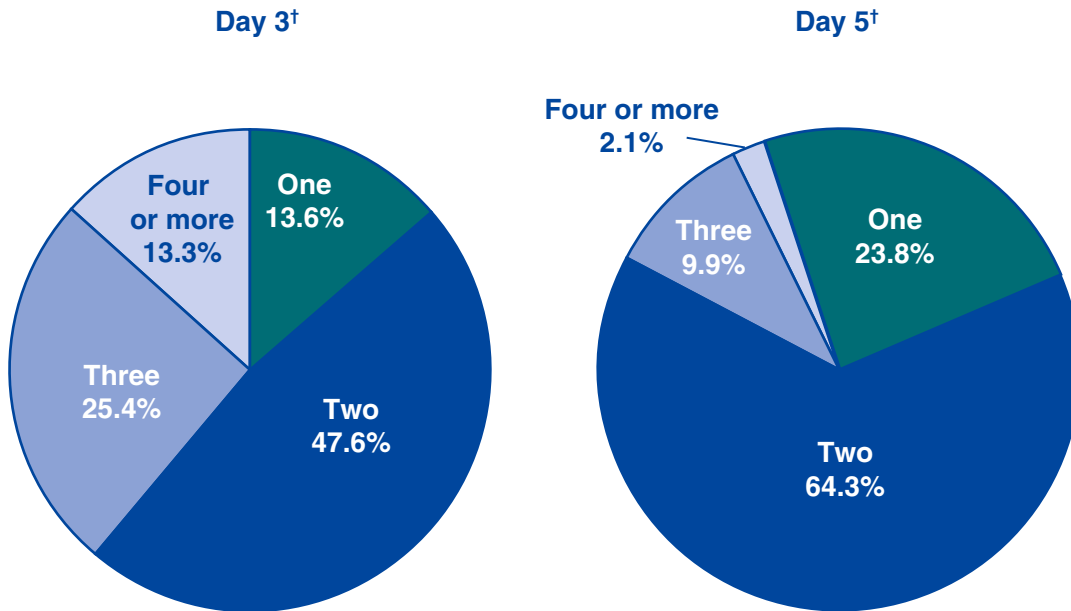


Does the number of embryos transferred differ for day 3 and day 5 embryo transfers?

Figure 31 shows the distribution of the number of fresh nondonor embryos transferred on day 3 and day 5. Overall, fewer embryos were transferred on day 5 than on day 3. Approximately 39% of day 3 embryo transfers and 12% of day 5 embryo transfers involved the transfer of three or more embryos. The decrease in the number of embryos transferred on day 5, however, did not translate into a lower risk of multiple-infant births. See Figure 32 (page 38) for more details on the relationship between multiple-infant birth risk and day of embryo transfer.

Figure 31

Numbers of Embryos Transferred on Day 3 or Day 5 Among All Transfers Using Fresh Nondonor Eggs or Embryos,* 2012



* Cycles using GIFT or ZIFT are excluded. Embryo transfers performed on days 1, 2, 4, and 6 are not included because each of these accounted for a small proportion of procedures.

† Totals do not equal 100% due to rounding.