

12.6.1.1 INFORMATION FOR SPERM DONORS

Donor sperm is used by a couple where the male has an untreatable form of infertility.

Although most donor sperm is used for heterosexual couples, The Human Reproductive Technology Act allows for donor sperm insemination of single women.

DONOR REGISTER

A Donor Register of all sperm donors is held confidentially by the W.A Health Department and is required under the WA Human Reproductive Technology Act 1991. Amendments to the Act will allow (on request) release of identifying information to children of donors when they reach the age of 16. Non-identifying information such as physical characteristics is available to recipients of donor sperm.

We continue to use a donor until births have been achieved in five (5) separate families in Western Australia. Those couples may use the same donor for subsequent pregnancies.

As a donor you are also able to access non-identifying information. Eg The number of families using the samples, the number of children born, their sex and their year of birth.

Cross checking of donors between clinics, occurs as soon as you are accepted as a sperm donor.

VOLUNTARY REGISTER

The Reproductive Technology Council has established a *Voluntary Register* of donors willing to provide **identifying information**.

Prior to the RTC amendment Act 2004 the release of **identifying information** only, was provided with the donors consent.

A pamphlet produced by the Dep't of Health, "*Voluntary Register*" is provided to all potential sperm donors & recipients of donated sperm by the Concept Counsellor.

The Voluntary Register provides a way for people involved in ART services using donated human reproductive material to share information.

WHO ARE THE CHILD'S LEGAL PARENTS?

Legislation in Western Australia and other States of Australia (*Artificial Conception Act 1985*) declares that the child conceived by a treatment involving the use of donated reproductive material (such as DI) is the legal child of the woman who gave birth and her consenting husband or defacto partner (if any). The donor has no legal rights or duties.

It is Concept's policy to obtain a signature from the partner (if any) of the woman undertaking donor insemination.

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It is presumed that the husband/de facto partner has consented to the treatment although this is rebuttable. **If it is established that a husband/de facto partner has not consented they will not be a legal parent of the child.**

If you wish to become a Sperm Donor you should make an appointment to see the Scientific Director or the Sperm Bank Co-ordinator, to discuss all issues involved with donation.

DONOR SCREENINGS & PROCESS TO BECOMING A SPERM DONOR

Blood Tests for HIV, Hepatitis B & C, blood group, HTLV Type 1 (Human T-cell Lymphotropic Virus) and venereal disease screening will be required if you decide to be a sperm donor, and this will be normally performed at the initial consultation.

You will be provided with written information including the RTC booklet "Questions & Answers about the Donation of Human Reproductive Material" & a list of RTC "Approved Counsellors".

After you have had your initial consultation at Concept, you will be required to see Concept's Medical Consultant where further medical history will be taken.

If a donor knowingly withholds any information on any genetic condition that he has, he will be held legally liable for any legal action that may be brought about as a result of any child being born with that genetic disease.

An appointment will also be made for you to visit with Concept's Counsellor. If you are married or in a defacto relationship your partner must attend counselling.

We will then book you for your first donation. This will be after we have confirmation of your Blood Screening Tests (approximately 10 days after blood collection).

***Note:** Please ring after your **first** donation. This allows us to confirm your status as a sperm donor. (Only 50% of men wishing to be sperm donors are accepted).

To donate we require you to book the men's room for a time that suits you (Mon - Friday 7.30am - 14.00). Some donor's book weekly and have a set day and time. We ask that you refrain from sexual relations for 3 days prior to the donation.

After each donation you will be re-imbursed with \$20.00 and asked to book your next appointment. After approx. 6 months you will be required to have another blood test to check that all your screening tests performed earlier are still negative. Upon confirmation of this your sample's can be released from quarantine into the sperm bank, and we will re-imburse you with an extra \$55.00 per sample frozen. (Some samples may not be frozen because of inadequate quality). Generally no more than 25 samples will be required from each donor.

Please keep us updated on changes of address so that outstanding payments can be forwarded to you.

We thank you sincerely for your consideration and if you wish further information please call the Scientific Director at Concept on: (08) 9382 2388.