



***QUESTIONS TO ASK***  
**a Donor Embryo Program (36)**

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If you are considering anonymously donating frozen embryos you have in storage to another couple or if you are considering receiving donated embryos, consider the following questions:

**Questions for donating couples to consider:**

- \$ Have you seen an experienced counselor to be sure you and your partner agree on donating your embryos to someone else?
- \$ Have you and your partner both signed a release form?
- \$ Does the clinic where your embryos are stored require the suggested 3-month wait period after release forms have been signed before the donation is activated?
- \$ Can you revoke your consent? If so, at what point in the process?
- \$ Have you determined how much personal information you are willing to have shared with the recipient?
- \$ How does the clinic Amatch@ donors and recipients?
- \$ How long will your embryos be made available to recipients? What will be done with any embryos that are not matched to recipients within this time period?
- \$ Will the clinic receive any financial benefit from your donation?
- \$ Are you and your partner required to undergo screening and testing for communicable disease (as outlined in the donor guidelines for the *American Society for Reproductive Medicine*) at least 6 months after the date the embryos were frozen? (retesting after a quarantine period)
- \$ Who is required to pay for these post-quarantine tests?
- \$ Has a lawyer reviewed all contracts made between the recipient and ART clinic?

**Questions for the embryo recipient to consider:**

- \$ Is the recipient couple required to see a counselor? If so, to whom does the clinic refer?
- \$ Are issues of disclosure discussed during the appointments with the counselor?
- \$ How much medical information on the donors is available?
- \$ Has the Adonating couple@ been screened and tested for communicable diseases after the embryos have been frozen for at least 6 months?
- \$ What, if any, medical tests does the recipient need to undergo? Many clinics test the donor couple for HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C.
- \$ What type of uterine preparation is used prior to embryo transfer?
- \$ Is a mock cycle done prior to the embryo transfer to document that the uterine preparation is adequate?
- \$ What type of progesterone (injections, suppositories, vaginal cream) is used for luteal support after embryo transfer?
- \$ What was the age of the donor at the time of the egg retrieval?
- \$ Are these embryos from a donor-egg cycle?
- \$ How many embryos are usually transferred?

- § Will the clinic do assisted hatching on the embryos which may enhance implantation?
- § Are prenatal tests such as amniocentesis required?
- § When should recipient start folic acid and prenatal vitamins?
- § What, if any, kind of information will be written in the medical records regarding source of embryos?
- § What does the clinic charge for embryo donation IVF?
- § If embryos do not survive the thaw, is there any financial adjustment made?
- § Can the frozen embryos be sent to another clinic for the transfer procedure?

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