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INFORMED CONSENT FOR THE USE OF DONATED EMBRYOS

Description

Embryo Donation

Women, who are of advanced reproductive age, have poor reproductive performance or who may have genetic abnormalities may use donated embryos in order to achieve pregnancy. Men who have severe abnormalities on semen analysis, the absence of sperm, have failed fertilization using their own sperm or who have genetic abnormalities are candidates for the use of donor embryos.

Donor embryos are extra embryos which were frozen from an in vitro fertilization (IVF) cycle from a couple who had infertility and who agreed to donate those embryos for the purpose of allowing another couple to attempt to achieve pregnancy.

Risks


Inaccurate donor history - Since there is no way to validate a prospective donor couple's personal, medical, or family history, donor couples must be taken at their word. It is possible that donor couples may intentionally or inadvertently leave out or falsify important information that has a direct bearing on their suitability as a donor couple or may impact on children born from the use of their embryos.

Infectious disease – Donor couples are screened at the time of their in vitro fertilization (IVF) cycle for several infectious diseases. We understand this does not eliminate the possibility that one or both partner may have an infectious disease that could be passed on to an embryo recipient. We understand that there are no reported cases of an infection being transmitted in this way.

Genetic Disease - It is not possible to test donor couples for every type of genetic or hereditary disease. Attempt is made to screen donor couples for common problems based on their ethnic background or family medical history. In most cases, even an apparently negative test cannot completely eliminate the possibility of a donor couple being a carrier.

We, and acknowledge that we have read the above consent in its entirety and have had any questions answered completely and to our satisfaction.

We understand the risks, consequences, and potential benefits of using donor embryos.

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