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INFORMED CONSENT FOR THE USE OF DONATED GAMETES

Description

Oocyte Donation

Women, who are of advanced reproductive age, have poor reproductive performance or who may have genetic abnormalities may use donated oocytes (eggs) in order to achieve pregnancy. In most cases, the donor must first take fertility medications for several weeks. The eggs are then removed from donor's ovaries using a surgical technique known as needle aspiration.

Sperm Donation

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 sperm. The specimens are collected by ejaculation and frozen. Due to the fact that adequate technology exists to freeze and thaw sperm while maintaining good reproductive potential, it is required that all donated sperm be frozen and quarantined for 6 months so that the donor may be retested for infectious disease.

Risks

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

Genetic Disease - It is not possible to test a donor for every type of genetic or hereditary disease. Attempt is made to screen donors 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 being a carrier.

Infectious disease – It is not currently possible to rule out the presence of every type of infectious disease. Not is possible to rule out the possibility of a known infectious disease. There are reported cases of infections being transmitted by donor sperm insemination. There are no known cases of infectious disease being transmitted by egg donation.

Donor Failure - Egg donors must take medication and go through egg retrieval in order to obtain the eggs. It is possible that a donor may fail to complete the necessary steps either intentionally or unintentionally that are necessary to complete the process.

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 donated gametes.

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