

A Gift

By law, any donor may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred in connection with donation, such as travelling expenses. Under the Prohibition of Human Cloning for Reproduction Act 2002 (Section 21), it is an offence to offer valuable consideration to another person for the supply of human eggs, semen or embryos. For example, this may include money, or a discount for provision of a service. The maximum penalty is 15 years imprisonment. Donations are not accepted from individuals or couples during a treatment cycle.

Under the SA Family Relationships Act 1975 (Part 2A), maternity and paternity is with the recipient couple. Legally the donor is not responsible for any offspring.

Donors are entitled, on application to the Medical Director in writing, to request non-identifying information on a recipient couple, and to be informed of the number and sex of children born after the use of their donated oocytes, semen or embryos.



Embryo

Impregnated egg

Sperm

Contact

If you meet the eligibility criteria and wish to assist by donating eggs, semen or embryos, please contact the Donor Co-ordinators at Repromed on (08) 8333 8111 or one of our regional clinics listed on this brochure.

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The Gift
of Life

For some people, their only hope of having a child is with the aid of egg, semen or embryo donors. These altruistic people make it possible for others to fulfil their dreams of parenthood. The interests of the child conceived are paramount and people receiving donated eggs, semen or embryos are encouraged to tell any children conceived of the donor's contribution. Donors need to be aware that Repromed has a policy to only accept donors if they are prepared to release identifying information to the children once they reach 16 years of age.

Eligibility

If you would like to assist others in achieving a family, please consider the eligibility criteria listed below.

People wishing to donate gametes (eggs or semen) or embryos can only include those:

- Not at a high risk of infectious disease.
- Prepared to consent to the release of identifying information to offspring. Donor treatment can only be facilitated under circumstances where, if the child wishes, they can know the identity of their genetic parents if they chose to do so.
- Compliant with all relevant legislation and regulation relating to donation of gametes.

(SA Reproductive Technology (Clinical Practices) Act 1988; SA Family Relationships Act 1975; ITA 1995; RTAC Code of Practice; NHMRC Ethical guidelines on the use of assisted reproductive technology in clinical practice and research 2007; Vic. Human Tissue Act 1882;)

- Who agree to limit births to no more than ten children/families. This number may be smaller in some areas.
- Who have not donated semen previously to any facility, clinic or person.
- Prepared to undertake screening tests for infectious and genetic diseases.
- Prepared to undertake repeat screening tests following quarantine of semen, eggs or embryos.
- Prepared to undergo counselling, including with their partner if relevant (joint counselling of donors and recipients is required if both parties are known to each other).
- Prepared to consider the possible long-term responsibilities and implications of being a donor.
- Able to provide a genetic family medical history.
- Prepared to release medical information to the recipients to enable informed consent.
- Ideally between 21 and 36 years of age if an egg donor. Egg donors older than this may be used with appropriate consultation with the recipients.
- Ideally between 21 and 45 years of age if a semen donor; semen donors over 45 may be used with appropriate consultations with the known recipients.
- Prepared to have semen or embryos quarantined for three to six months.
- Aware of the risks associated with treatment.
- Prepared to complete a Lifestyle Declaration form.

Screening tests are required to assess the health status of the donor. These may include:

Initial Testing

- Medical examination
- HIV I & II (AIDS tests)
- HTLV I & II
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis C
- Blood group
- Karyotyping
- Thalassemia (FBE + Hb E/P)
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Syphilis – TPHA
- Gonorrhoea
- Chlamydia
- FSH, AMH (egg donors only)
- Ultrasound scan (egg donors only)
- Semen analysis (semen donors only)
- Tunel test (semen donors only)

Following three month semen/embryo quarantine:

- HIV I & II
- HTLV I & II
- Hepatitis B & C
- Syphilis