

Consent to Utilize Anonymous Donor Semen
(Single Women)

Anonymous Donor Semen may be utilized in the following **Assisted Reproductive Technologies**:

- 1. Artificial Insemination**
- 2. In Vitro Fertilization**
- 3. Gamete Intra Fallopian Transfer (GIFF)**

PROCEDURE~RJSKS. **BENEFITS AND ALTERNATWES**

Artificial insemination with **anonymous donor semen involves the introduction of semen obtained from a male who will not be identified to you into your reproductive tract in an attempt to induce pregnancy. The insemination is performed by inserting semen into your cervix or uterus, in accordance with the judgment of the physician. Any offspring will carry the combined genetic component of your egg and the donor's semen.**

In Vitro Fertilization (**IVF**) **involves the aspiration of oocytes (eggs) under ultrasound guidance. These oocytes and donor sperm will be placed together in a dish with a culture medium to allow fertilization to occur.**

Gamete IntraFallopian Tube Transfer (GIFF) involves the aspiration of that oocytes under ultrasound guidance. These oocytes (eggs) and donor sperm are then transferred through a laparoscopy procedure to the fallopian tube. This procedure is done under general anesthesia.

The donor semen will be obtained in a frozen state from a semen bank. You will be given the opportunity to make selections of anonymous donor specimens from one or more lists we will provide to you. Donors on these lists are described by certain physical and other characteristics but are not identified by name. These lists are obtained from semen banks licensed by the State of New York. The donor(s) will not be identified to you and you will not be identified to the donor(s).

Semen banks licensed by the State of New York are required to test semen donors for WV (the AIDS virus), Hepatitis C and other sexually transmitted diseases. These banks are also required to freeze donor semen spedmens and maintain them in a frozen state for at least six months before use so that the donor may be retested for HIV/Hepatitis C infection. This significantly reduces the risk of AIDS and Hepatitis C transmission, but does not guarantee that the donor has not been infected; that is, there remains the risk that the AIDS virus and Hepatitis C can be transmitted to the patient through the donor's semen.

You also understand that unavoidable infections, some of which are contagious, are risks of the artificial insemination procedure.

It has been explained to you that studies have shown the quality of frozen semen to be inferior to that of fresh semen; this means that using frozen semen may necessitate the performance of multiple insemination procedures before a pregnancy results. You understand, however, that pregnancy may never occur, regardless of whether fresh or frozen semen is utilized. In New York State, artificial insemination with fresh donor semen may only be performed in cases where the semen donor is the husband of the patient, is the intimate partner of the patient, or is a consenting male who has been specifically designated by the patient where the patient has specifically waived the freezing and six-month quarantine period.

I hereby confirm that I have had this procedure fully explained to me, that I have read the foregoing~ and that I have had the opportunity to ask questions and to have all of my questions answered. I hereby consent to the procedures described herein.

(Signature of Patient)

(Print Name and Date)

(City, State & Zip Code)

I have explained the procedure to the patient and, including the risks, benefits and alternatives. All questions concerning the procedure and this document have been answered.

(Signature of Physician)

(Print Name)

(Date)

(Title)