

WHO ARE THE DONORS?

At the Center for Reproductive Medicine, all potential egg donors must be between 21 and 33 years of age.

We allow anonymous (in-house and agency), sister, and first cousin donors.

We advertise for our donors in local newspapers, university papers, through posters and flyers placed in local medical centers, and in several publications distributed in the Weill Medical College of Cornell University.

All potential donors are sent an Egg Donation Program Packet, including a personal and medical history questionnaire and detailed information about the program and procedures. A member of our staff explains the program and procedures prior to sending the packet, and is available to answer any questions throughout all stages of the egg donation program.

A donor egg physician carefully reviews all potential donors' personal and medical questionnaires. Before a potential donor is approved she must complete our screening process. She will meet with a physician, psychologist, genetic counselor, and nurse for a complete physical examination, psych testing and evaluation, pedigree of family medical history, and full laboratory work up (blood, cultures and urine).

Accepted donors will meet with our nursing staff to discuss all procedures for the donation cycle, including treatment protocols, cycle start dates, medication and any personal concerns about treatment.

Most donors experience a great deal of satisfaction from this experience. However, some donors may experience uncertainty about their decision. Our psychological counseling professionals are available at any time during and after the cycle to offer emotional support, and our physicians and clinical staff offer support and education as needed.

Donors will take daily injections, have frequent ultrasounds and undergo several blood tests before eggs are harvested. Some women experience side effects including breast and ovary tenderness, fluid retention and moodiness after the cycle. These can last up to two weeks. There are risks to this procedure that are rare and will be discussed during consultations with the physician.

BILLING PROCEDURES

All charges associated with an egg donor cycle are covered by the recipient(s). Full payment is due once you have accepted a donor.