

DONOR EGG RECIPIENT (DER) MATCHING PROCESS

The Wait List

You become ACTIVE on the wait list once you have completed the four (4) DER Requirements for becoming a recipient in the DE Program. Without these, the team cannot match you.

DER REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ DER MD consultation
- ✓ DER Psychological consultation
- ✓ Prep Cycle Class and Prep Cycle
- ✓ Recipient Information Form (RIF) with your photos

Handing in the Recipient Information Form (RIF) along with your photos will activate you on the list RETROACTIVE to the list date of either your MD or psych consult – whichever came first.

For example: Your DER-MD consult was 6/1/14. You handed in your RIF and photos on 10/1/14. Your list date is 6/1/14 but we would not have been looking for a donor for you until 10/1/14 when you became active on the list.

Keep the team notified if you are going to be unreachable for any period of time while you are on the list. You can activate or deactivate as you choose. If we call you with an offer and you are not available to cycle with the donor, you can pass on the offer and resume your position on the list to wait for another donor.

Typical wait list time is 6-12 months from consult date, or 6-9 months from becoming ACTIVE on the list. Long “wish lists” of donor requirements or requests for donors that are more challenging to recruit may lead to longer wait list times (over a year). The wait time is unpredictable. We cannot tell you how long it will be since we match to physical characteristics and cannot say when a donor will become available that matches you. If you do not hear from us for months, please do not get discouraged. We are working hard to recruit, screen, match, and are waiting until we have just the right donor for you.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

- *If you go back on the wait list after completing a cycle (+ or – outcome), your most recent cycle outcome date will be your new list date.*

The Matching and Offering Process

The matching process is the same for fresh or frozen oocytes.

It is our goal to match as quickly and efficiently as possible. We collaborate and consider each match very seriously. We match donors as closely as possible to the intended mother’s physical characteristics and consider other requirements and preferences you may have. You will be called when an appropriate donor has been identified for you. We must hear back from you **within 24 hours** of the initial contact. At that time, you will be given preliminary information about the donor and asked if you would like to receive her profile. If we do not hear from you within 24 hours, the donor may be offered to another recipient.

After the receipt of the donor’s profile, you will have **48 hours** to accept or decline the donor. Our team will be available to answer all your questions within that 48-hour period. If we do not get a response from you within 48 hours, the donor may be offered to another recipient.

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You will not lose your spot in the waiting list if we do not hear from you after the initial contact, after the 48 hours offer time, or if you decline a donor. We will look for another match for you unless you indicate that you are deactivating or withdrawing your request. This may prolong your waiting time. It is very important to contact the donor team if you are planning an extended vacation and will be unreachable or if you change your address or phone number.

If you accept the donor, your chart will be reviewed and you will receive a **Matched Packet** which contains required treatment consents, medication instructions, prescriptions, and a list of tests that will need to be completed.

Shared Cycle Policy

The majority of fresh cycles done at Cornell are shared. When there are two recipients on one cycle, CRM designates each recipient a position based on their list date or previous cancellation. These positions are called primary and secondary. The recipient who has the earliest list date is designated the primary position. There is no difference in the chance of success. There are two differences between the positions based on the number of mature oocytes retrieved from the donor. We will learn how many mature oocytes there are on the day of the donor's retrieval. If there is an odd number of mature oocytes, the one oocyte goes to the recipient in the primary position. If there are fewer than 10 mature oocytes, the recipient in the secondary position is cancelled. This is called a "Low Egg Yield" cancellation. When you are matched with a donor for a shared cycle you can ask any member of the DE team which position you are in. The DE team will know this after both recipients have accepted. In rare circumstances we know the positions and can tell you at the time of offer.

Cycle Cancellation Policy

When a cycle is cancelled, a recipient is placed in the top section of the wait list with priority for re-matching. Donor fees are refunded.

Some reasons for cycle cancellation would be:

The donor tests positive during her cycle for drugs or infectious disease.

The donor withdraws. (Per NY State Law she can withdraw her consent at any time.)

The donor has a poor stimulation and not an optimal response.

There are not enough oocytes to share between two recipients (10 mature is the minimum to share.)

Donor Photo Policy

It is CRM policy to not show adult photos of the donor. Many of our donors provide childhood photos but please note that it is not a requirement to which we hold them. If photos are available, it can be viewed in office only.

Please indicate on your RIF if you would like to see a childhood photo at the time of offer. We will not reproduce the photos, mail, email, or arrange a remote viewing via video conference. If you feel that you would like to see the childhood photo to help with your decision, please be prepared to come in to the office during the 48 hours offer time frame. Patients who cannot come in to the office during the 48 hour offer time will have to make a decision on the donor without seeing a photo. We cannot hold a donor offer for longer than the time allotted.

The Donor Egg Program Team