



Information for the Use of Anonymous Donor Sperm

The use of anonymously donated sperm is regulated by the New York State Department of Health and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The Ronald O. Perelman and Claudia Cohen Center for Reproductive Medicine (CRM) of Weill Cornell Medicine must abide by all applicable requirements and regulations. CRM can only accept shipment of anonymous donor sperm samples from New York State licensed and FDA registered laboratories (see attached list of sperm banks).

Genetic Screening of Anonymous Sperm Donors

Please note that comprehensive pan-ethnic genetic carrier screening is not utilized by all sperm banks that provide anonymous donor sperm for clinical use. It is recommended that you contact the sperm bank directly to determine what genetic carrier screening was performed on the anonymous sperm donor of your choice and if there is a possibility of additional genetic carrier screening being performed on the donor, if you are a carrier for a disorder for which he was not tested. Please contact one of the genetic counselors, Ann Carlson (646-962-6556), Stephanie Andriole (646-962-7419) or Debra Lilienthal (646-962-3434), if you wish to discuss your case in more detail.

Shipping Information

It is the responsibility of the patient to select the anonymous donor sperm sample from an approved laboratory. The patient must order and arrange shipment of the samples.

- Samples should arrive at CRM **prior** to the beginning of any treatment cycle.
- CRM can only store 2-4 vials of sperm; the laboratory is not meant for long term storage. If more than 4 vials are purchased, they should be held at the bank or a commercial storage facility.
- It is recommended that samples be shipped in an ICI preparation. If ICI preparation is not available, IUI preparation is acceptable. Either preparation is suitable for IUI or IVF treatment.
- Sperm banks may require authorization from the physician's office before samples can be shipped. Contact your nurse, nurse practitioner or physician assistant.
- Samples kept at CRM longer than three months will be subject to storage fees.
- **Deliveries are accepted Monday-Thursday, from 8:00am to 2:00pm only. No weekend deliveries.** It is suggested that shipment occur by FedEx next day.
- Please have the donor sperm samples shipped to:

Weill Cornell Center for Reproductive Medicine, Attention: Dr. Gianpiero Palermo
Andrology Laboratory
Weill Greenberg Center
1305 York Avenue, 7th Floor, Room 725, New York, NY 10021
646-962-8448

It is a strong recommendation of CRM that all patients and partners (if applicable) meet with a staff psychologist prior to pursuing treatment with anonymously donated sperm. Call 646-962-3447 to schedule an appointment.

The patient and partner (if applicable) **must** sign consent documents for the use of anonymous donor sperm for each treatment cycle (see attached consent document).

Authorization to Store and Use Anonymous Donor Sperm **must** be signed with the Andrology Laboratory (located on the 7th floor).

If you have questions about shipment of sperm samples, contact the Andrology Laboratory at (646) 962-8448.
If you have questions about the use of donor sperm, contact your nurse.