



Thank you for considering Genea's Donor Egg Program.

Genea offers donor eggs through The World Egg and Sperm Bank (TWESB), USA. Our service agreement with this international bank ensures compliance with all relevant Australian Commonwealth and state legislation and regulations, as well as Genea's own policies regarding the use of donor eggs.

This includes:

- All donors must be open to having their identity released to any children conceived by their donation. In most states where Genea operates, the donor must also consent to their identification being added to the local state donor register.
- Donors must make an altruistic donation and can only be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred as part of the donation process.
- The number of women or families who can access a donor to create their family is limited in each state and territory:
 - 5 women in NSW
 - 10 families in Queensland and South Australia

Your counsellor will discuss with you the legal and regulatory requirements in more detail.

Under our current agreement with TWESB, our patients can import donor eggs into Genea clinics in NSW, Queensland, and South Australia only. If you live in WA or Victoria, we can still assist you, however your treatment must be carried out through a Genea clinic in NSW, the ACT, South Australia or Queensland.

You can access donor eggs through TWESB up until your 50th birthday (or your surrogate's 50th Birthday). Please discuss accessing donor eggs with your Fertility Specialist to ensure this is the right next step for you. Our donor team is also here to assist you.

Preparation before choosing a donor

You are required to complete several mandatory steps with Genea prior to choosing a donor for your treatment.

Fertility Specialist appointment – During this appointment, your Fertility Specialist will take your medical history, order tests, discuss treatment plans and program options, and ensure egg donation is right for you. Your Fertility Specialist will refer you to

Genea's donor team, who will support and guide you through the preparation process to find and import the donor eggs through TWESB.

Implications counselling – This is a required discussion with one of our Fertility Counsellors to provide you with information and allow you to consider the psychosocial and legal implications of using an egg donor to create your family. If you have a partner, they are also required to attend this session.

Genetic counselling – Carrier testing is a type of genetic test offered to anyone planning a pregnancy. We are all healthy carriers of several recessive genetic conditions. If a recipient and donor are carriers of the same genetic condition, there is a higher chance of having a child affected with that condition and the option of using that donor may not be available to you.

All donor banks perform carrier screening on their donors. The list of conditions tested for varies between donor banks and between individual donors. Most donors will be identified as carriers of at least one condition. You will meet with a genetic counsellor once you have put a donor on hold to ensure you understand the donor's results and to discuss carrier screening options for yourself. These options will vary depending on your donor's results and the bank.

Carrier screening does come at an additional cost, and the timeframe to receive results varies amongst laboratories. Meeting with a Genea Genetic Counsellor and having carrier screening once you have chosen a donor can save you time and money as we make sure you are doing the test that is right for you and your donor.

Choosing a donor – Once you have completed your implications counselling and genetic counselling, the donor team will send you information about how to access the TWESB website to review and select a donor. We will also provide you with the contact details of the TWESB client representative, who will assist you with any questions about the TWESB program, donors, pricing, and guarantees.

Ordering and shipping

When you have found a donor and a program that is suitable for you, the donor team will guide you through the process of ordering and importing the frozen eggs or embryos to your Genea clinic.

All ordering and payment of fees are completed directly with TWESB, but we are here to support you through these steps.

TWESB offers Genea patients the following donor egg programs:

Premium Donor Egg - This program involves sending 6 frozen donor eggs to Genea. With the Premium Donor Egg option, TWESB guarantees one Day 3 embryo per cohort of six eggs. The process can take up to 2-3 months before we can ship the eggs to your Genea clinic.

Custom Choice Donor Egg - This program involves sending frozen sperm (from a partner or donor) to TWESB for fresh or frozen egg ICSI. With the Custom Choice Embryo Option, TWESB guarantees at least two blastocysts, which they will freeze (vitrify) and send back to your Genea clinic. This process can take up to 4-5 months, depending on whether the donor has already frozen her eggs.

More details about TWESB programs, pricing and guarantees can be found on their website: <https://www.theworldeggandspermbank.com/intended-parent/options-pricing-guarantees-egg-donors/>

FAQs

What are the timelines?

Premium Egg Donor can take up to 2-3 months to select a donor, perform carrier screening for the sperm provider, and ship eggs to Genea, as well as complete the egg warming cycle at Genea.

Custom Choice Egg Donor can take 4-5 months to select the donor, have the donor complete screening, and then be booked in for a stimulated cycle, as well as shipping the embryos back to Genea. If recipients are keen to get started, TWESB has egg donors who have already completed the screening, which would significantly decrease the onboarding time of the donor.

When the eggs or embryos arrive at your clinic, you will be able to start your treatment cycle.

Can an egg donor contact me or my children?

In most states, your donor cannot contact you and is only able to access non-identifying information about you and your child(ren). In Victoria, your donor can request contact or information from you (or your child when they reach 18 years of age), but you can refuse this request.

Can I contact the woman who donated the eggs?

This depends on the state in which you are seeking treatment, but all egg donors have signed an agreement that they will keep their information up to

date with the banks and understand they are required to be available for possible contact by the family or the resulting child born. This must be done according to the State legislation and through the relevant authority.

What sort of ethnicities are available?

The donors come from a range of ethnic backgrounds. Please speak with your donor coordination team if you want a donor from a specific ethnic background.

Shipping and use of donor gametes (and created embryos) to non-Genea clinics

Eggs donated from TWESB may not be able to be transferred to other non Genea clinics.

In some cases, state legislation may prevent the export or import of donor gametes and/or your embryo created with donor sperm, even to another Genea clinic.

Please note that moving donated eggs from TWESB out of the clinic they were transported to may affect any egg guarantee conditions offered by TWESB.

What happens if my Custom Choice embryos do not survive the shipping or thaw?

The guarantee that covers Custom Choice embryos is to get two (2) good quality frozen blastocysts.

Once shipped, the embryos are no longer in the possession of TWESB and therefore are no longer covered by any guarantee. Please speak to TWESB if you have any other questions about this.

With any embryo thaw, there is a risk that the embryos may not survive the thawing process, and you may have no embryos to transfer. These risks are out of the control of Genea and TWESB, and therefore neither party can be held liable. However, we have processes in place to mitigate these risks.

Why do we need to do an infectious screen when sending sperm for Custom Choice Donor Egg if the sperm provider is the partner?

The U.S. is strict with storage conditions and the safety of staff when working with samples, and will not accept sperm from international clinics without clearance through infectious screening. To meet these requirements, the infectious screening tests must be completed on the day of the sperm freeze or within a week either side of the freeze date.

If you have any questions, please contact our donor team, we will be happy to assist you.

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