



Clinic Donors vs Known Donors

You'll have the option of choosing between clinic egg donors from our international egg bank partners or using a known individual. Both options provide flexibility, safety, and control over your treatment path, allowing you to make the choice that feels most comfortable for your unique circumstances.

When seeking to conceive through donor eggs, you have the option of selecting a de-identified egg donor from our partnered international egg banks, or alternatively, you may choose to use eggs donated by someone known to you. This may be an acquaintance, close friend, or a family member. Whether you decide to use a clinic-recruited donor or a known donor, our team will ensure you are fully-informed about any implications and special considerations that come with either choice.

Clinic-recruited donor

A clinic-recruited egg donor is someone who has voluntarily donated their eggs through a regulated fertility clinic or egg bank. We have partnered with two renowned global providers - The World Egg and Sperm Bank (TWESB) in the USA and Egg Bank Asia. These profiles are de-identified, meaning you won't see their name or any other identifying details. However, any donor-conceived children have a legal right to know the identity of the donor when they turn 16 or 18 years of age, depending on the state.

There are a number of benefits of using a clinic egg donor compared to a known donor:

1. Comprehensive screening

All egg donors accessed through Genea's partner egg banks are thoroughly screened and assessed by fertility specialists, genetic counsellors, and medical professionals to minimise any risks to the person intending to carry the pregnancy and to any children conceived. This rigorous process includes:

Medical Screening:

- Comprehensive medical examinations and health assessments
- Full medical history of the donor and her parents
- Psychological assessments to ensure emotional readiness
- Fertility testing to confirm egg quality and reproductive health
- Age restrictions (typically 21-34 years) to ensure optimal egg quality

Genetic Testing:

- Chromosomal screening
- Genetic carrier testing for conditions such as cystic fibrosis, fragile X syndrome, spinal muscular atrophy
- Family history evaluation
- Ancestry-specific genetic tests
- Screening for inheritable conditions

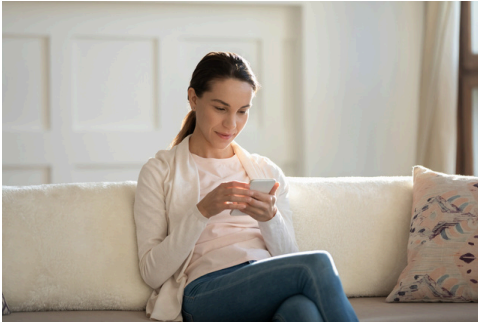
2. Extensive Database & Choice

Through our partnerships with TWESB and Egg Bank Asia, you have access to thousands of egg donor options with no wait times for accessing donor profiles. This extensive database offers a diverse pool of ethnic heritages, personal backgrounds, and physical traits to help you find your ideal match.

Each donor profile contains comprehensive information including physical characteristics such as height, weight, build, complexion, hair and eye colour, ethnicity, and any distinguishing features. Beyond physical traits, profiles also detail the donor's education level, occupation, religious beliefs, hobbies and interests, personality traits, and personal values. Current photos of each donor are available in the egg bank donor portal to help you make a more informed decision.

3. Regulated Record-Keeping

Accessing an egg donor through our partner databases allows us to ensure all important data is properly recorded and retained. This allows us to adhere to state legislation surrounding donor eggs, including monitoring of family limits, tracking donations resulting in births, and providing access to accurate donor-identifying information when donor-conceived children reach legal age.



Known egg donor

A known egg donor is someone who has voluntarily offered to donate their eggs to help grow your family. This person can be anyone - a colleague, a friend, or a family member (not related to the partner providing the sperm). Known egg donors in Australia are required to be altruistically motivated with no financial incentive.

1. Personal Information

Although anonymous donor profiles contain wealth of detail, with a known donor you will have firsthand understanding of their personality, likes, dislikes, habits, and other personal traits. You'll have direct knowledge of their sense of humour, work ethic, and how they approach relationships. This personal connection allows you to discuss motivations and expectations directly, providing complete transparency about medical and family history.

2. A closer biological connection

Using a family member as an egg donor can be particularly meaningful for many intended parents. For example, using the female partner's sister as a donor maintains genetic ties to your donor-conceived child, which can help both partners in bonding with the baby. Your child also has the opportunity to know their biological mother from birth, creating a unique family dynamic where biological connections are preserved.

3. Legal Requirements and Obligations

Known donors are subject to the same screening requirements as clinic donors and must undergo mandatory counselling sessions before proceeding with donation. The legal obligations remain consistent - they have limited legal rights over children conceived through their eggs, with no expectations to provide child-raising or financial support in any form. This legal framework protects all parties while ensuring clarity about roles and responsibilities.



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