



Thank you for considering Genea's Donor Sperm Program.

Genea offers donor sperm from locally recruited Sperm Donors through Genea Sperm Bank, donors from Fairfax Sperm Bank (USA) and European Sperm Bank (Denmark). Our service agreement with the international banks ensures compliance with all relevant Australian commonwealth and state legislation and regulations and Genea's own policies regarding the use of donor sperm.

This includes:

- All donors must be open to having their identity released to any children conceived by their donation, and in some states (NSW, SA, WA & VIC) the donor must also consent to his identification being added to the local State Donor register.
- Donors must make an altruistic donation and can only be reimbursed reasonable expenses they have 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 families in NSW, including the donor's family
 - 10 families in ACT, QLD, SA
 - 5 family worldwide limit in WA
 - 10 women worldwide limit in VIC, including the donor's family

Donors who are exclusive to Genea will only create a maximum of 10 families worldwide. Your counsellor will discuss the legal and regulatory requirements in more detail.

Availability of donor sperm

Due to a high demand for donor sperm and limited availability of sperm donors, the amount of time you may need to wait to access donor sperm will depend upon how many donors we have available at the time. We are actively recruiting and bringing on more local and international Donors.

When you join the program, we will be able to let you know when you will be able to start choosing your donor and if there is a wait time.

The number of available donors is limited, and there is a possibility that you may not find a suitable donor for you, but we will try our best to assist you to find a suitable donor.

Eligibility to access donor sperm

To join our program, you must have had a consultation with one of our Genea Fertility Specialists. They will discuss review your medical and fertility history, they may order tests and will discuss the right type of treatment for you. They will also send a referral to Genea to access our donor services.

As we know, fertility declines with the age of the egg provider and there is less chance of success with fertility treatment if the age of the egg provider is over 43 years of age. Given this and the shortage of sperm donors, you must join the Genea sperm donor program before your 43rd birthday if using your own eggs.

If you are over 43 years of age and are having treatment with your own eggs which you froze at a younger age, or your egg provider is under the age of 43, you will be eligible to access donor sperm through Genea.

Preparation before choosing a donor

You are required to complete several mandatory steps with Genea prior to accessing our donor banks to choose a donor.

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

Choosing a donor – once you have completed counselling, the Donor Team will send you information about how to select a donor.

Genetic counselling – Once you have chosen a donor that suits your requirements, we will arrange for you to book an appointment with our Genetic Counsellor. All donors have completed a panel of genetic screening for any recessive genetic diseases they may be a carrier of. The Genetic counsellor will review your chosen donor's genetic screening results and discuss their results with you. They will advise if you require any further screening to ensure you do not carry the same recessive gene/s as the donor.

Donor Allocation – once the genetic testing and counselling is completed, you can proceed with ordering the donor sperm.

If you have a surrogate or egg donor involved in your treatment, please let us know, as this may incur additional steps.

FAQ's

How long does the process take?

After selecting a sperm donor, the process will be 1-2 months until you can commence your treatment cycle. This will be dependent on any further genetic testing which may be required.

Are there any genetic testing requirements for myself or my partner?

Yes, depending on your medical history, family history and the genetic screening results of your chosen donor. Please do not undergo any genetic screening prior to consulting with a Genea Genetic Counsellor about your chosen donor.

Can a sperm 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 sperm donor?

This depends on the state in which you are seeking treatment, but all sperm 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.

Other useful information regarding using donor sperm.

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/art/Pages/the-central-register.aspx>

<https://www.varta.org.au/resources/information-sheets/thinking-using-donor-eggs-sperm-or-embryos>

More questions?

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

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