

USING A DONOR AGENCY

The following information is important when working with agencies

- Agencies can reduce the time on the waiting list.
- Agencies allow you to be more proactive in the donor selection process. The main distinction between our program and an agency is:
 - We match you with an anonymous donor in our program
 - You pick your donor with an agency & may see a picture of the donor
- All agencies have different policies & may differ in cost so it is important to do your research with the agencies. Make sure you know what you are paying for when working with an agency.
- Most agencies do not have medical professionals working for them so they cannot answer any medically related questions.
- Most agencies do not have their donors psychologically screened prior to being placed in their database. You will need to clarify this with the agency. Psychological screening must be done properly to be valid and SB IRMS does not accept psychological screening done outside our institution.
- If a donor has donated previously, it is helpful to us to get the relevant embryology information. Previous records may be reviewed by our staff, but will not be accepted as a substitute for our screening process.
- We feel that our stringent screening process is an important component of our successful pregnancy rates. While our procedures may at times seem lengthy and inconvenient, they have been developed with your safety and success in mind.
- The agency is there to assist you with travel arrangements, scheduling the donor for her initial appointment at St. Barnabas etc.
- Once you have selected a donor from an agency the donor must come to St. Barnabas and:
 - Meet our physician, nurse, and psychologist
 - Have her day 3 labs drawn (FSH, LH, E2) & sent here. (prior to cycle start)
 - We will not order any testing upon the donor until she is seen here by a SB IRMS physician.
 - Have all of her screening done at St. Barnabas (3-4 weeks for all results to come back and to be reviewed by the medical staff, abnormal labs may require longer for follow up and resolution)
 - Sign consents
 - St Barnabas is in charge of all synchronization and medical care for your donor once she has been seen by our staff
 - During the cycle the donor may be seen by an outside office for blood work and ultrasounds only; they will not dictate the medical plan
 - Typical rejection rates for donors obtained via the agencies listed below are around 10%.

- **All couples using agency donors, or using known donors must execute a legal agreement between themselves and the donor with separate legal representation for both parties.** SB IRMS can assist with referrals to lawyers with experience in reproductive law. We are not party to the agreement, but require documentation that the agreement has been executed appropriately.
- Even though you have contracted with an agency it may still take **1-3 months** to schedule the donor to come to Saint Barnabas, meet the team, have the screening completed and to get synchronized with you in order to cycle. Synchronization takes about 6 weeks (minimum)
- We will not synchronize you until all of your screening as well as the donor's screening has been completed, received in our office and reviewed by our ovum donation team
- You must be financially cleared by our finance department before we will synchronize you with your donor
- Make sure your medical checklist is completed to avoid delays in cycling
- The lab closes four times a year so you will not be cycling during lab closure
- A member of the ovum donation team will order your donor medications and dispense the medications to your donor before the cycle starts

The following is the contact information for donor agencies we have worked with successfully in the past. These are independent organizations and inclusion in this list is not an endorsement by SB IRMS.

A PERFECT MATCH, 555 West Beech Street, Suite 400, San Diego, CA 92101
 Tel: (800) 264-8828 or (619) 234 6649
 Contact: Darlene Pinkerton – Director
 Web site: www.aperfectmatch.com

CREATING NEW GENERATIONS, P.O. Box 1318, Coos Bay, Oregon 97420
 Tel: 1-541-266-8284
 Contact: Andrea Jacobson
<http://www.creatingnewgenerations.com/>

LOVING DONATION, 2917 SR 434 , Suite 131, Longwood, Fla. 32779
 Tel: 1-800-749-5773
 Contact: Deana DeGroot
 Contact person: Loraine Ackley
<http://www.lovingdonation.com/>

FERTILITY FUTURES INTERNATIONAL 5757 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 601, Los Angeles, CA.90036
 (East Coast Donors available)
 Tel: 323-965-9200 x4717
 CEO : Stuart Miller
 Contact person: Michelle Seeley
www.FertilityFutures.com

DREAM DONATIONS, INC: 17 Lincoln Street, 3rd Floor, PO Box 610416,
 Newton Highlands, MA 02461-0416
 Tel: 1-866-373-2636
www.dreamdonations.com