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INFORMATION ON ANONYMOUS EMBRYO RECEPTION

Dear Madam, dear partner

This information is intended to explain the procedure of anonymous embryo reception, so that you can consent in full knowledge of the facts. Your treating doctor of the Leuven university fertility centre (LUFC) is prepared to answer all your questions regarding this treatment.

Embryo reception procedure

Couples who have undergone IVF treatment, have fulfilled their wish for children and still have supernumerary embryos that they do not wish to use themselves and that they do not wish to be destroyed, can anonymously donate the frozen supernumerary embryos. These frozen embryos can be used for other couples with fertility problems.

Purpose of embryo reception

The purpose of the treatment is to achieve a pregnancy by implanting an embryo donated by an anonymous donor couple into the uterus of the receptor.

Risks of embryo reception

As with any medical fertility treatment, embryo reception does not guarantee pregnancy. In general, ten to twenty percent of pregnancies may end in a miscarriage, and complications can occur during any pregnancy, including in pregnancies after embryo reception. Compared to other pregnancies after assisted reproductive technology, there are no significantly higher risks associated with pregnancy after embryo reception.

In the general population, a certain percentage (around 3%) of children are born with a physical or mental abnormality. This can also occur after embryo reception. The occurrence of such abnormalities is beyond medical control. The risk of fertility problems may also be higher in children born after embryo reception than in children born after a spontaneous pregnancy. All embryo donors will be tested for infectious diseases such as HIV, cytomegaly virus, hepatitis, chlamydia and syphilis. The procedure of embryo reception therefore involves a minimal risk of sexually transmitted diseases such as gonorrhoea, syphilis, herpes, hepatitis and AIDS, despite all precautionary measures taken to prevent them. The LUFC will not accept any liability for any such conditions that may occur or for their treatment.

Financial aspects of embryo reception

Per cycle a fixed fee will be charged to cover laboratory and administrative costs.

A cost estimate can be found at www.uzleuven.be/kostenraming under Gynaecology and Obstetrics.

Consequences of embryo reception

From the moment of implantation of the donated supernumerary embryos, the parentage rules set out in the Civil Code favour the prospective parents who have received the supernumerary embryos.

A donor or donor couple cannot institute legal claims concerning parentage or associated issues relating to financial assets. Likewise, the receptors of supernumerary embryos and the child born as a result of the embryo transfer may not institute legal claims concerning parentage or associated issues relating to financial assets against the donor(s) of gametes (*Art. 56 of the Law of 6 July 2007 on assisted reproductive technology and the use of surplus embryos and gametes*).


The LUFC will take the necessary measures to protect the anonymity of both donor and receptor.

This document 'Information on anonymous embryo reception' is intended for you. If you agree to this treatment, you should complete and sign the attached 'Agreement on anonymous embryo reception' and return it to LUFC, 'contractenadministratie', UZ Leuven, Herestraat 49, 3000 Leuven, or to contractenLUFC@uzleuven.be.



AGREEMENT ON ANONYMOUS EMBRYO RECEPTION

Between Leuven university fertility centre,
UZ Leuven,
represented by
prof. dr. Karen Peeraer,


 and Ms
born on / /
Partner
born on / /
resident at
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hereinafter 'the LUFC', on the one hand,


hereinafter 'the prospective parents', on the other hand,


the following has been agreed:

- The prospective parents declare that they have been properly informed by the LUFC about the embryo reception procedure and that they have received, read and understood the document 'Information on anonymous embryo reception'. They declare that they have received sufficient information to give their consent to the LUFC to proceed with embryo reception.
- From the moment of implantation of the donated supernumerary embryos, the parentage rules set out in the Civil Code favour the prospective parents who have received the supernumerary embryos. A donor or donor couple cannot institute legal claims concerning parentage or associated issues relating to financial assets. Likewise, the receptors of supernumerary embryos and the child born as a result of insemination may not institute legal claims concerning parentage or associated issues relating to financial assets against the donor(s) of gametes (*Art. 56 of the Law of 6 July 2007 on assisted reproductive technology and the use of surplus embryos and gametes*).
- The prospective parents are aware of the medical risks of embryo reception. They will therefore accept all responsibility for the physical and mental condition of any child born after embryo reception, and they will not claim any responsibility or blame to all persons actively or passively involved in this process or to any technical procedure used. In addition, they undertake to report any congenital/hereditary abnormality to the LUFC immediately, including any such abnormality that might be identified at a later age.
- The prospective parents agree to a fixed fee charged per cycle to cover laboratory and administrative costs. This amount is 826,82 euros on 1 January 2018. This amount will be adjusted on the 1st of January each year in line with the health index (<http://statbel.fgov.be/nl/statistieken/cijfers/economie/consumptieprijzen/gezondheidsindex>) in December of the preceding year.

Drawn up in duplicate in Leuven on /...../....., one copy being intended for the LUFC and the other for the prospective parents.

prof. dr. Karen Peeraer
Administrator tissue bank LUFC

 read and approved
signature Ms

 read and approved
signature Partner

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