



INFORMATION ON ANONYMOUS SPERM RECEPTION

Dear Madam, dear partner

This information is intended to explain the procedure of anonymous sperm 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.

Sperm reception procedure

Frozen donor sperm can be used in a treatment involving intrauterine insemination (IUI) or intracytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI) with embryo transfer. In IUI, frozen donor sperm is injected into the uterus of the receptor. In ICSI, the eggs of the receptor will be fertilised with an anonymous donor's frozen sperm after aspiration. The resultant embryos can be implanted either during the same cycle or after freezing/thawing.

Purpose of sperm reception

The purpose of the treatment is to achieve a pregnancy by inseminating the receptor with frozen donor sperm or by fertilising the receptor's eggs with frozen donor sperm, after which the fertilised egg is implanted in the receptor.

Risks of sperm reception

As with any medical fertility treatment, sperm 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 sperm reception. Compared to other pregnancies after assisted reproductive technology, there are no significantly higher risks associated with pregnancy after sperm reception. The transfer of more than one embryo can result in a multiple pregnancy, which involves a higher risk of premature contractions and premature birth, increased blood pressure, reduced birth weight and so on. The number of embryos implanted is determined by mutual agreement between the prospective parents, the embryologist and the doctor.

In the general population, a certain percentage (around 3%) of children are born with a physical or mental abnormality. This can also occur after sperm reception. The occurrence of such abnormalities is beyond medical control. All sperm donors will be tested for infectious diseases such as HIV, cytomegaly virus, hepatitis, chlamydia and syphilis. The procedure of sperm 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 sperm reception

Per cycle a fixed fee will be charged to cover the costs for the donor sample and administrative costs.

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

Consequences of sperm reception

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

Gamete donors cannot institute legal claims concerning parentage or associated issues relating to financial assets. Likewise, the receptors of gametes 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 LUFC will take the necessary measures to protect the anonymity of both donor and receptor.

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



AGREEMENT ON ANONYMOUS SPERM 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 sperm reception procedure and that they have received, read and understood the document 'Information on anonymous sperm reception'. They declare that they have received sufficient information to give their consent to the LUFC to proceed with sperm reception.
- The prospective parents declare that they accept that it cannot be guaranteed that the same sperm donor will be used for each insemination.
- From the moment of insemination of the donated gametes, the parentage rules set out in the Civil Code favour the prospective parents who have received the gametes. Gamete donors cannot institute legal claims concerning parentage or associated issues relating to financial assets. Likewise, the receptors of gametes 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 sperm reception. They will therefore accept all responsibility for the physical and mental condition of any child born after sperm 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 the costs for the donor sample and administrative costs. This amount is 300 euros on 1 July 2020. 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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