



# *Donor program*

treatment options and their process



We offer a comprehensive and supportive donor program to assist anyone needing donor eggs, sperm or embryos; or a surrogate to help them have a baby.

## Using a sperm donor

You can use sperm donated by someone you know, or select from one of our de-identified donors that we have recruited locally and from overseas.

All donors undergo significant medical and genetic screening as well as quarantine for infectious diseases before being released for treatment.

The treatment options available with donor sperm include intrauterine insemination (IUI) or in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) with intra-cytoplasmic sperm injection (ICSI).

If you are in a same sex relationship we can also facilitate egg sharing which is where the eggs of one partner are collected to create embryos that are then transferred into the other partner.

## Using donor eggs

We can provide egg donation services to women who are unable to conceive using their own eggs, where the donor and the recipient are known to each other. Egg donors will be screened to determine their suitability.

The egg donor is required to undertake an IVF cycle to have eggs collected. Embryos can then be created with the partners (or donor) sperm, before being transferred back into the recipient's uterus.

## Using donor embryos

People who have completed their family and have additional embryos in storage have the option of donating their frozen embryos to someone having trouble conceiving.

If your fertility specialist suggests that embryo donation might be suitable for you, we can register you on our donor embryo wait list.

The treatment involved is a Frozen Embryo Transfer (FET) where the embryo is thawed and transferred on the right day of the natural cycle or fertility hormones may be used.

## Using a surrogate

Surrogacy is where one person offers to carry a baby through pregnancy on behalf of the other person or couple and then return the baby to the intended parent(s) once it is born. It is a complex process that involves counselling, psychiatric assessment and independent legal advice and our experienced team can support you on this journey.

## Counselling

Everyone involved in the donor program is required to undergo implications counselling before starting treatment. This is to discuss some of the legal considerations and social and emotional factors associated with using a donor.

### FIND OUT MORE

To make an appointment please call 1800 111 483 or to find out more information please visit [ivf.com.au/treatments/donor-programme](http://ivf.com.au/treatments/donor-programme)

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