

Donor SibLinks

Information Sheet

Donor SibLinks is a program that aims to support you and your child/ren to access information and connect with other families conceived with the same donor. Seeking connection can occur at any age with a focus on the developmental needs and best interests of a child.

All donor conceived people have a right to know their genetic connections, it is an important part of identity formation and important in reducing the small risk of an un-knowing relationship.

To provide you with information it helps us to know your full name and date of birth, treating doctor and the clinic where treatment took place. It is also helpful to provide the donor code if you know it.

Once we have your details we will check our records and can provide you with non-identifying information about siblings including:

- ◆ the number of families and children conceived using the same donor
- ◆ the gender at birth of the child/ren
- ◆ the child/ren's month and year of birth

We support all interested participants by providing a counselling session free of charge to discuss your expectations and some considerations for you, your child and family. The counsellor will provide you with a consent form to sign and return to the donor team.

Joining Donor SibLinks does not guarantee we will be able to put you in contact with the other families. Participation is entirely voluntary. We know that some families join the program when their child is very young and others wait to determine their child's interest and wishes.

We can tell you if other families have joined. We then contact them and exchange your email contact details. We suggest that people use an email account that does not identify them in the first instance until they get to know each other a little. You will be contacted prior to us sharing your details to reconfirm your consent to participate. After the introductory email IVF Australia does not have an ongoing role in your communications and contact, developing the relationship is up to you.

Please contact IVFAustralia at any time if you wish to withdraw your consent to participate in Donor Siblinks. Your details will then not be released by us to any further families who may contact us.

Seeking connection and ongoing contact are personal decisions. Not all donor conceived people and/or parents of donor conceived people seek contact with siblings. They may decide to connect later in life or decide not to at all.

For any questions about the scheme, or to register your interest in joining Donor Siblinks, please contact us at donorsupport@ivf.com.au