

INFORMED CONSENT FORM FOR RECEIVING DONOR SEMEN

We, the staff at SpermLab – G. Voulgaridis Ltd (SpermLab), are pleased that you have selected our services to assist you with your family-building plans. We work to provide safe and secure services using the latest cryopreservation technology, testing and screening that serves to protect your health and complies with the Greek and European requirements.

This form explains what to expect from the sperm donor programs and the storage services provided by SpermLab. It also explains what SpermLab needs from you.

RECEIVER'S PERSONAL DATA

NAME:
DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH:
TELEPHONE:

Receiver's CHN:

SURNAME:
IDENTITY/ PASSPORT #: AUTHORITY:
e-mail:

PARTNER'S PERSONAL DATA (required if the receiver is not nubile)

NAME:
DATE & PLACE OF BIRTH:
TELEPHONE:

SURNAME:
IDENTITY/ PASSPORT #: AUTHORITY:
e-mail:

RESIDENCE'S ADDRESS

STREET: NR.: ZIP: CITY: REG.: COUNTRY:

Receiver's signature:.....

Partner's signature:.....

Donor sperm program

The program of heterologous sperm donation includes sperm of donors that have provided their consent in the disclosure of data regarding their identity (non anonymous donors) and sperm of donors that have not provided their consent in the disclosure of data regarding their identity (anonymous donors). The donors have been screened for all the genetic and infectious diseases required by law. Some donors have undergone extra testing.

All donors are screened for:

HIV1&2 (AIDS), HBV (Hepatitis B), HCV (Hepatitis C), HTLV1, HTLV2, *Treponema P.* (Syphilis), *Chlamydia Tr.*, *Gonorrhea G.*, Karyotype

Certain donors* are also checked for:

Cystic fibrosis, Thalassaemia, CMV, etc

* If the donor belongs to a race or is from an ethnic group where the risk of these diseases exceeds 1 per 5000 births.

We provide information about the donor, including medical and appearance profiles, donor audios, personality testing (Keirsey), childhood photos and staff impressions to assist you in the selection of the donor best for you. Such information and images are offered for your personal use, and not for public dissemination.

Personal and family medical history is taken for each donor. Each donor is screened for genetic and infectious diseases to reduce this risk, but screening cannot eliminate the risk. Although it is not possible to completely eliminate the risk of infectious diseases or genetic disorders, the tests performed reduce the likelihood of a donor passing on an infectious disease or a genetic disorder. Please be aware that donors do not undergo test for all genetic disorders or infectious diseases, because a) not all genetic disorders/diseases have tests available, or b) it is impractical or otherwise not feasible to test for every known disorder/disease, and c) none of the diagnostic tests is able to guarantee at 100% the lack of a disease (every diagnostic test can only guarantee that the factor in exam "has not been detected"). Therefore, there is no guarantee that all donor specimens are completely free of genetic defects or diseases, that a pregnancy will result, or that a child born using the donor sperm will be free of disease or physical or mental defects. In the general population, every pregnancy has a risk of producing a child with a birth defect or mental deficiency.

SpermLab keeps a registry with information about the identity of the donor, the receiver and the child at the only reason to guarantee the traceability of each donation and the live-births' limit for each donor. This registry is kept in encrypted form and is confidential. Only SpermLab's staff has access to it and is committed to ensure the confidentiality of the information contained therein. SpermLab provides the National Authority for the Medically Assisted Reproduction with a copy of this registry. Responsible to ensure the confidentiality of the information contained in this copy is the Authority itself.

What does SpermLab needs from you

You agree that the specimens are for your personal use only. You recognize that you have no right to learn the identity of an anonymous donor, and that SpermLab will not disclose identifying donor information or assist you in any way to contact a donor. You do not have the right to seek a donor's identity by other means available to you, and should we discover that you have made these attempts to do so, we will pursue any and all appropriate action to protect the donor's and the SpermLab's interests. In its turn, SpermLab will not disclose identifying information of you or of your child born as a result of the donation, to the donor.

Reporting and tracking of every pregnancy or undesired event is very important in order to know the number of children born for each donor and whether they are healthy. For the safety of the donations, since you are the only one able to know what is mentioned in the previous sentence, you take the full responsibility to notify us a) if you become pregnant by the use of a donor semen, b) if you have embryos in cryopreservation for future use and how many, c) if there was an abortion, d) how many children you gave birth to (e.g. twins), e) if you decide to donate any of your embryos, f) any pathological condition, e.g. disease, to the child, which may be hereditary, without delay. You recognize that you are the legal parent/s of the children born by the use of the sperm donated to you and that you are solely responsible for their support and custody. According to the Greek Civil Code art.1471, it is not possible to offend the fatherhood (especially the receiver's partner) after having provided the consent to conceive a child through medically assisted reproduction techniques. The donor has quitted his rights and is exempted from any obligations to the children born by the use of his donated sperm.

In case you are not married or under formal treaty of symbiosis, this must be proven by a notary deed.

Limits to our services

You understand that genetic and physical characteristics as well as the health profile of the child born as a result of the donation depends on those of the biological parents. SpermLab cannot guarantee that the child born will have the genetic and physical characteristics as well as the health profile of the donor. Similarly, the children you give birth to with the use of donated sperm of the same donor will resemble each other as much as the children of the same parents do.

The number of semen samples of a donor is limited. Therefore, availability cannot be guaranteed in the future. If you would like to ensure their availability for future treatments, it is recommended that you make a reservation of a number of doses of the donor you have chosen. It is recommended that you consult your doctor about it. For reservations, fill-in the form E.520-3en.

SpermLab does not and is not able to guarantee or in any way represent, suggest, or promise that the use of the specimens distributed will result in a pregnancy for you. In addition, SpermLab does not and is not able to guarantee that the next time you will try to become pregnant by the use of semen of the same donor will be as easy (or as hard) as it was the first time. We can, however, provide information on whether pregnancies have been reported by the use of a donor's semen sample. In addition, SpermLab will provide you with information on the population and motility of the sample right after thawing, when thawing is done at our facility.

You acknowledge that for the reservation of donor semen samples you are charged and you accept this charge until you ask in writing the cessation of this reservation. You shall prepay the compensation for each sample in reservation and a storage fee (per trimester or year) for no matter how many straws you keep in reservation.

When the semen specimens are collected, processed and stored at our facility, there is greater predictability in knowing the quality of the specimens after thawing. When we accept specimens that were collected and frozen by another facility and sent to SpermLab for storage, responsible of the quality of the specimens is the facility/company that prepared them and sent them to us.

Although SpermLab will take care of the appropriate shipment of the specimens to the doctor who signs this consent, it is the carrier responsible for delivering the sample in the right way and on time.

On the Greek Law

According to the Greek Law, the maximum number of the children born from gametes of the same donor cannot exceed ten (10), exception made for siblings. Semen donors are adults under 40 years old, fully able to justify and give their consent at the time of deposition of their semen.

Identification data of the donors is kept in encrypted form. Access to the confidential medical information of the donors, which is kept by the National Authority for the Medically Assisted Reproduction, is allowed under permission from the Authority, only to the child, for medical reasons.

The use of fresh semen of a donor who is not your legal partner is not permitted.

The use of semen of more than one donor during the same cycle of treatment is not permitted.

It is not permitted to sale, buy, offer in sale or buy, be the mediator in such a commercial exchange of semen. You are charged only of a compensation referring to all the services necessary for that the semen of the donor is delivered to you in safety. These services include the expenses for the medical screening of the donor and his semen, the compensation of the donor, the storage of the semen and the delivery services.

Choosing a donor

Please fill in your preferences about the characteristics of the donor or of its semen sample.

Blood type	Rh	Eye colour	Hair colour	Height	Weight	Race	Ethnicity

Education/occupation	CMV	Nr of samples	Usage (ICI/IUI)	Motility (5/10/20 mill./ml)	Alternatively state the Donor code/Nr:

In case we cannot fulfill your preferences, please check the characteristics the donor must indispensably have. If we cannot satisfy the following choices, we will consider your order cancelled.

___ Blood type ___ Rh ___ Eye colour ___ Hair colour ___ Height ___ Weight
 ___ Race ___ Ethnicity ___ Education/occupation ___ CMV ___ Usage ___ Motility

I would like that the semen is shipped to the doctor/clinic mentioned in the following:

Thawed & prepared for A.R.T.



Unthawed



PHYSICIAN:

CLINIC:

Stamp:

Stamp:

Signature:

Date: / /

The papers' process

We want you to read thoroughly this informed consent form that we provide. Ask any questions and make sure you clearly understand it before you sign it. This is to ensure that we are following your choices and directions. You may want to consult your attorney, physician or other advisor to review the documents before you sign them.

If you have any questions about this document, please contact us:

T. +30 210 9227515, F. +30 210 9227513, ☒ 3, Thiateiron str.; 171 21 – Nea Smirni, Athens; Greece; @ info@spermlab.gr A competent person of our staff will answer your questions.

Before delivery of donor semen, **it is mandatory that we receive this informed consent form fulfilled and signed, and, in case of unmarried receiver, the notary deed**, via fax, e-mail or ordinary mail at least one business day prior to placing a specimen order. Please note that payment prior to delivery is mandatory.

IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATION:

Before you decide to use donor semen, make sure that any semen analysis has been performed only by **BIOLOGISTS** at a specialized **SPERMATOLOGY LABORATORY**. Every man shall consult his **UROLOGIST**, similarly to each woman consulting her gynaecologist. You shall also consult an **ENDOCRINOLOGIST** (e.g. it is important to treat **polycystic ovaries** before deciding to undergo an IUI or IVF). Even when no spermatozoa are observed or the semen quality is considered low, it is very important that the causes are investigated only by an UROLOGIST. A weak semen could be improved only if the UROLOGIST makes the diagnosis of the cause and recommends the appropriate treatment.

Each time spermatozoa are not observed, it does not mean there are none. Even when spermatozoa are not produced, there may be a treatment. When every possible treatment is exhausted, forthwith no live spermatozoa are observed, the UROLOGIST may seek for any spermatozoa directly in the testis by biopsy. However, there are cases that could not be treated. It is however important not only to find any spermatozoa, but also to make sure about the male partner's health.*

Even if you finally do not use your partner's sperm, e.g. nubile receiver, it is very important to exclude the presence of **infections** in the receiver, especially of Ureaplasmas, Mycoplasmas and *Chlamydia tr.* before the treatment (e.g. IUI or IVF), since these microbes may cause an abortion or even severe problems to your child.

*Read also: <https://www.spermlab.net/en/news/case-s-report/>

Once again, thank you for your estimation and trust in our services.

Sincerely,

The staff of SpermLab - G. Voulgaridis Ltd

I read thoroughly this document.

Date: / /

Receiver's signature:

Partner's signature:

To be filled by SpermLab: donor's code/Nr: _____ sample's code: _____ Date of pregnancy report: ____/____/____