

**“Some donors help save lives.
Egg donors help create lives.”**

Infertility is quite common, and can affect many couples. Happily, most couples that seek medical treatment for infertility succeed and become pregnant. In some cases, doctors at the Fertility Center of Miami will recommend the use of donated eggs. The decision to donate your eggs to help an infertile couple is a precious gift as their only chance of conceiving is through the volunteer efforts of women such as yourself.



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**Have you ever thought
about becoming
an Egg Donor?**

Advantages of Donating

- We offer a highly competitive honorarium per donation *
* Second donation may receive a higher honorarium
- Free medical, genetic, and reproductive health screening
- Donation planned around your busy schedule
- Referral Fee Available *
*Conditions apply



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Becoming an Egg Donor



What pre-requisites must a donor have?

- ✓ 20 to 31 years
- ✓ Non-smoker
- ✓ Excellent health
- ✓ Healthy weight / height ratio
- ✓ Reliability, punctuality and maturity

If you meet these requirements you may be eligible to become an Egg Donor.

What is egg donation?

Some women are unable to have children due to problems with their ovarian function, lack of ovaries, or transmissible genetic illnesses that would preclude the use of their own eggs. The use of an egg donor is the only option of treatment for these women. Egg Donation can be seen as a gift of life.

The purpose of egg donation is to collect several eggs from the donor that will create multiple embryos. More than one embryo may be needed in order to give the recipient couple the best chance for pregnancy.

Since a woman normally produces only one egg each month, the donor takes injectable medications to stimulate the ovaries to produce several eggs. The egg donor is monitored with vaginal ultrasounds and blood tests during the treatment until the eggs are deemed ready for harvest. The amount of eggs aspirated varies from donor to donor. Generally, donors produce around 15 eggs, although many donors can produce more than 20 eggs. All the eggs that have matured will be harvested.

The egg aspiration is performed in our surgical suites by one of our fertility physicians under sedation administered by an anesthesiologist. The eggs are harvested inserting an ultrasound-guided needle in the vaginal wall aspirating the fluid that contains the egg. Donors are asleep and do not feel any discomfort during the procedure which lasts approximately 30 minutes. The donor can go home the same morning of the procedure with a family member or friend, and is generally able to return to work the next day.

All donors undergo a medical, genetic and fertility screening process during which they meet with the Fertility Center of Miami doctor for a physical exam, vaginal sonogram and interview, perform blood tests, complete a medical and personality profile and psychological test, and be evaluated by a psychologist. Donations are completely anonymous.

Are there any possible risks related to egg donation?

Generally, major complications related to egg donation are very rare, and side effects, if any tend to be minor and temporary. Some donors may experience bloating, headaches, bruising at the site of the injection, or mild pelvic discomfort during the stimulation of the ovaries. Health insurance is provided during the course of treatment to cover expenses of unforeseen complications.

How long does the process take?

Initial screening can take up to 2 months to complete. Once you are accepted into the Egg Donor Program, donors await to be chosen by a recipient couple. This waiting period can be of just a couple of weeks or months.

Can I donate more than once?

Donors who undergo successful donations may donate as often as every 3 months.

Will egg donation affect my future fertility?

Egg donation does not normally affect a donor's future fertility. Healthy young women have many thousands of eggs in store in their ovaries and their number will not be exhausted even with repeated donations. Only major complications such as a severe pelvic infection can affect fertility. Such major complications are extremely rare during egg donation.