

Questions to Ask Your Sperm Bank

Sperm Banks or semen banks or cryobanks are facilities where human sperm from donors is collected and stored. This sperm is stored through a process called cryopreservation, wherein the semen (which contains the sperm cells) is frozen using liquid nitrogen. Usually, the end-users of the sperm are women who, for whatever reason, are trying to achieve pregnancy through artificial insemination or in-vitro fertilization.

The process of selecting a sperm bank can be quite a challenge for both the donor and recipient, but with the right information and proper research, any of them can make the most of the sperm bank she or he would select.

For this reason, below is a compilation of some of the key questions that you should ask your sperm bank, to guide you in picking the best one.

GENERAL QUESTIONS: FOR BOTH DONOR AND RECIPIENT:

- Are you licensed by the Department of Health? Can you provide proof?
- How long has the sperm bank been in business?
- Is the sperm bank owned and operated by a physician?
- Is this (sperm banking) the clinic's main line of business?
- Will there be any form of counseling or education for a donor or recipient?
- What are the steps in the procedure and what protocol would you likely prescribe for me?

FOR DONORS:

- What is the minimum age for donors? Maximum age?
- What are the fees for screening, freezing and storage? How much will the whole process cost?
- What are the required screening exams? Which diseases will I be screened for? How long will screening take?
- Does your clinic require me to abstain from any sexual activity before giving a sample?
- What type of records are maintained? Electronic? Paper? How is my privacy ensured?
- What type of information will be shared for anonymous donors?
- How are samples labeled? Do you guarantee that I will be able to trace mine?
- Will I be compensated for any in clinic accidents that may contaminate or render my sperm useless?



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FOR RECIPIENTS:

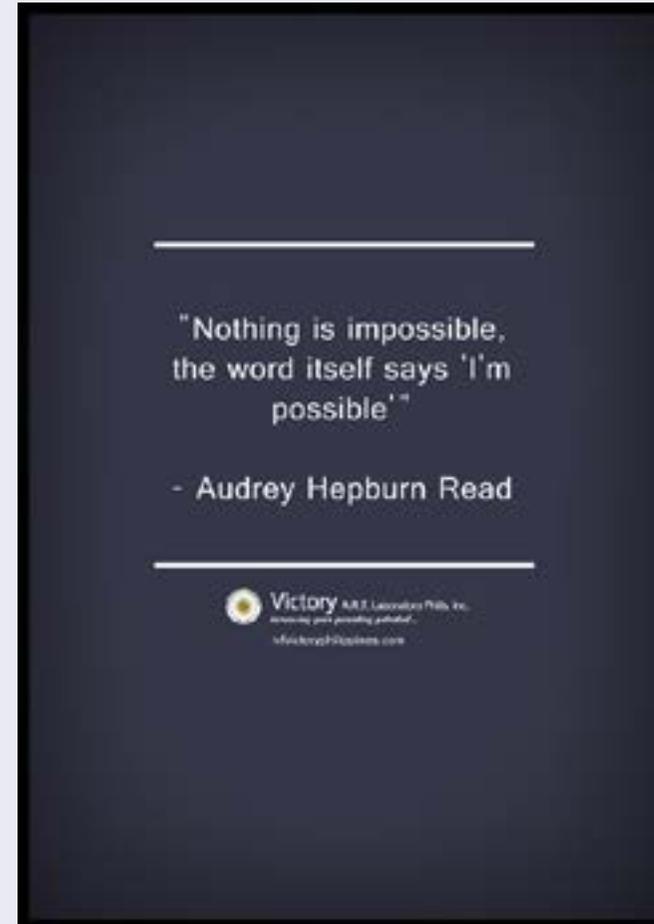
- What are the fees for selecting and availing of a sperm donor?
- Are your sperm donors screened? How are they screened? Are they screened for diseases, drugs and medical history?
- How are your records stored? How do you guarantee my privacy?
- Will I have the option of meeting the donor? If in the future, I decide to meet the donor, will I be allowed to do so?
- Will I be able to select the donor?
- Will I be compensated if the infant would display any genetic issues that may have been from the donor?

Know more about your sperm bank. Ask the right questions, and also talk to the right people. Reach us through:

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