



Information and Application for Potential Oocyte Donors

We are pleased that you have expressed an interest to participate in the Oocyte Donation Program at Genesis Fertility. Due to disease, ovarian failure or age, many women are infertile because they are unable to produce healthy eggs (also called oocytes). However, with your help, these women will have a chance to have a baby. This packet will inform you about our Program's screening procedures and will provide us with necessary information to evaluate your potential as an Oocyte Donor.

Donor Screening and Selection

Our screening procedures are mandated by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) and the New York State Department of Health, which has licensed our Oocyte Donation Program:

- **Medical screening** procedures will assess your general health status. The procedures involve a physical exam and a gynecologic exam by a Genesis physician and blood tests for communicable and sexually transmitted diseases. Our goal is to determine that you are physically able to undergo the donation procedures. The disease testing will be repeated later in the donation process as required by the FDA. Appointments for an exam and testing are available throughout the week during our office hours.
- **Drug screening** is performed as part of the application process to test for substance abuse. Upon successful completion of each of these screening procedures, a donor will be matched to an Oocyte Recipient(s). Once matched, the next stage of the donation process will begin.
- **Psychological screening** and counseling ensures that you understand the emotional and psychological aspects of the donation procedure. Appointments are scheduled for Tuesday's
- **Genetic Screening** will identify whether you are a carrier of genetically transmitted diseases such as Cystic Fibrosis and Sickle Cell Anemia. Appointments for these screening tests and interview are with a Genesis genetic counselor and are scheduled on Tuesdays.

Side Effects and Risks Involved

The daily blood sampling and hormone injections are generally well tolerated. However, some women experience discomfort, redness or small bruises or rarely, infection at the injection sites. Treatment side effects from the FSH medication may include breast tenderness, fluid retention, a bloated feeling, moodiness and tenderness

in your ovaries. There may be an increase in the size of the ovaries; less common side effects include vessels or torsion (twisting) of the ovaries. Genesis physicians will routinely regulate your medications to minimize discomfort and side effects, but in some cases this cannot be avoided. There are rare risks with the egg retrieval procedure such as infections and injury to the bowel, blood vessels, or other structures. Such an injury might necessitate open abdominal surgery with a hospital stay to control bleeding or to repair or remove the ovary, but this is **very** uncommon.

Psychological Support

Oocyte donors feel a great deal of personal satisfaction in giving infertile families the opportunity to achieve a pregnancy. It is common, however, to feel some ambivalence or uncertainty regarding your decision or to experience anxiety about the medical procedures or the results of any of your tests. A Genesis mental health professional is available throughout the process to offer emotional support and counseling.

Compensation

We realize that oocyte donation is a commitment that requires a significant contribution of your time. We are willing to compensate you for the inconvenience that you experience. Compensation is currently \$8,000.00 for a completed oocyte donation cycle. You will receive IRS form 1099 for this compensation. You may donate eggs more than one however; you must wait two months between each donation cycle.

Application Form

Please complete the attached application form and be sure to include all documents requested. Thank you for your interest in participating in our oocyte donation program. Please review the questions carefully and follow the instructions provided.

- Use Blue or Black ink only and write neatly.
- Please answer all of the questions truthfully and to the best of your ability. A copy of your application will be given to prospective recipients.
- Sign the Personal History Form and Affidavit Form.
- Attach a recent photograph of yourself to the application.

Donor applicants must also provide the following

US Citizens:

- Photocopy of your Social Security card, or State Tax Id or copy of your W2 form
- Copy of a valid Photo Id (i.e., driver's license or passport)

For Resident Aliens:

- Photocopy of Social Security Card or Tax ID or W2 form
- Copy of your valid Green Card

For Non-Resident Aliens:

- Photocopy of Social Security Card, Tax ID or W2 form
- Copy of a valid visa

Once received, your application will be screened by our medical team. You will be contacted, either through mail or by phone, within one week of receipt of application.