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University of South Florida Fertility Specialists

CONSENT TO RECEIVE DONATED SPERM

Definitions - As used in this Consent, the following definitions shall apply:

1. **"Assisted Reproductive Technology"** (ART) means those procreative procedures which involve the laboratory handling of human eggs or embryos, including but not limited to, in vitro fertilization embryo transfer (IVF).
2. **"Cryopreservation"** is preservation by freezing. In this case, cryopreservation refers to the preservation by freezing of live human sperm with liquid nitrogen.
3. **"Egg"** means the unfertilized female reproductive gamete (cell).
4. **"Fertilization"** means the initial union of an egg and sperm.
5. **"Implantation"** means the event that occurs when an embryo adheres to the uterine wall.
6. **"Intrauterine Insemination"** means the artificial placement of sperm into the uterus of the woman by the physician.
7. **"In Vitro"** refers to a laboratory procedure performed in an artificial environment outside a woman's body.
8. **"In Vitro Fertilization"** (IVF) refers to the processes whereby egg growth is stimulated in a woman, the eggs are obtained from her ovaries, then fertilization by sperm occurs in the laboratory and the resulting embryos are transferred to the uterus.
9. **"In Vitro Fertilization Embryo Transfer"** means the transfer of an in vitro fertilized embryo into a woman's uterus.
10. **"Embryo"** means the product of fertilization of an egg by a sperm.
11. **"Providers"** means all personnel associated with the administration and delivery of services including, but not limited to: USF Fertility Specialists, the employees, physicians, laboratory personnel, the State of Florida, the University of South Florida, the Board of Regents of the State of Florida and each of their employees, officers, agents, successors and assigns.
12. **"Sperm"** means the male reproductive gamete (cell).

Explanation

During an assisted reproductive technology process, an infertile couple (secondary to male factor) may decide to utilize a donor's sperm to fertilize recipient couple's egg.

This can be accomplished by:

1. **Artificial Insemination With Donor Sperm (AID).** A couple obtains and has transferred donor sperm in agreement with an USF Fertility Specialist and embryologist to the embryology lab. Names of donor sperm programs can/will be provided. The donor sperm are subsequently transferred to the recipient woman's uterus by catheterization of the recipient woman's uterus. Anticipated fertilization is with the recipient's woman's egg and the donor sperm sample, both parties (patient and patient's partner) must be in agreement.
2. **In Vitro Fertilization Embryo Transfer (IVF ET).** The recipient woman has transferred to the uterine cavity an embryo originating from donor sperm and the recipient couple's eggs fertilized in vitro. The embryo is placed in the recipient woman's uterus by means of a small plastic tube inserted through the cervix.

Absence of Guarantee

The USF physician and his/her associates do not and cannot guarantee that pregnancy will occur, even after several attempts. The reasons the procedure may fail to result in pregnancy include, but are not limited to the following:

1. A suitable semen specimen may not be available at the time it is needed. A frozen semen specimen may not have an adequate number of viable sperm after freezing and thawing.
2. Fertilization may not occur.
3. The fertilized egg(s) may not develop sufficient to be transferred. (IVF – ET)
4. Transfer of the sperm may not be successful.
5. Implantation of the embryo(s) into the uterus may not occur. (IVF – ET)
6. The laboratory environment may act detrimentally to particular egg(s), sperm, or the embryo(s).

Acknowledgments, Consent and Release

Acknowledgments - We understand that:

1. Artificial donor insemination is the introduction of fresh or frozen thawed sperm, obtained from a male other than the husband of the woman to be inseminated, into the uterus (womb) of the woman to be inseminated.
2. The purpose of artificial donor insemination is the production of a pregnancy caused by the union of the donor sperm and the egg of the woman to be inseminated.
3. An infant resulting from artificial donor insemination will have genetic characteristics of the woman inseminated and the sperm donor, but will have genetic characteristics of the patient's partner only insofar as the man and the sperm donor may coincidentally share such genetic characteristics.
4. Several attempts at artificial insemination may be necessary. We understand that there is no warranty or guarantee that pregnancy or full term pregnancy will result from artificial donor insemination. If pregnancy shall result there is the possibility of complications of pregnancy, delivery, or birth of an infant or infants or undesirable hereditary tendencies of such issue or other adverse consequences. We understand and accept that the artificial insemination procedure carries with it the risk of infection and that any pregnancy carries with it the risk of obstetrical complications and/or spontaneous abortion.

Consent

We, _____ and _____, being patient and patient's partner, do hereby request and authorize my doctor and University of South Florida Fertility Specialists to perform artificial donor insemination and to use the semen from a third party for this purpose during the process of AID or IVF. We authorize him/her to employ such assistants as he/she may designate for the purpose of accomplishing the artificial donor insemination. We believe that this artificial donor insemination will promote our individual and mutual happiness and well-being. My doctor has fully explained the technique of artificial insemination and alternative methods of treatment, if any. We have duly considered this information and we make this request for artificial insemination on our own free will with no coercion on the part of my doctor and University of South Florida Fertility Specialists.

Confidentiality is maintained as much as possible.

