



## CT Fertility's Egg Donation and IVF programs - 2011

*CT Fertility offers a variety of Egg Donation and IVF programs to meet the needs and desires of a wide range of prospective parents. This document provides an overview and a comparison of our main programs. For further details we invite you to also take a look at our itemized cost estimates charts.*

### Overview

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Common to all programs is the unique feature of a **guaranteed number of viable eggs** which you we offer in each option. We are able to provide this guarantee because of our experience, the high quality of our carefully screened egg donors, and our advanced vitrification technology and protocols that allow us to use the Donor Egg Bank to supplement any shortfall in the number of eggs you receive from your designated egg donor. This important feature protects you against one of the worst-case scenarios in an egg donation cycle – a donation that for whatever reason does not produce the number or quality of eggs that you need to succeed.

All of our quotes are **comprehensive and transparent** since our family building model brings together every aspect of the process, ensures seamless coordination, and takes all pricing elements into consideration. Our quotes are realistic and transparent, with explicit guidelines to help prospective clients assess optional components and alternatives with no hidden cost.

Our programs are designed in recognition that **choosing an egg donor program is highly personal** and involves multiple levels of choice and control. It depends on your range of goals and resources (financial, emotional and personal); the relative importance of factors like the option for immediate matching, cost control, and/or a wide choice of specific egg donor attributes; and:

- ✓ Are you using a gestational carrier, or are you planning to carry the pregnancy yourself?
- ✓ How many children would you like to have at the end of your family building journey?
- ✓ Will you be happy with multiples or do you prefer a singleton?
- ✓ Are you hoping to have enough high-grade embryos left for a future sibling journey?
- ✓ How much do you want or need to minimize cost uncertainties?
- ✓ Are you a same-sex couple looking to split the eggs and fertilize eggs with sperm from both?

Our options offer you the ability to **choose a plan that is right for you** based on the number of eggs you want and need to achieve your short- and long-term goals, and vary according to:

- ✓ The breadth of the egg donor selection that is typical for each scenario
- ✓ Whether or not the cycle requires a retrieval or instead uses frozen eggs or embryos
- ✓ The number of cycles that are included in the base fee
- ✓ The option to pay for additional eggs from your same donor on a later date
- ✓ The availability of a money-back option

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The **Egg Bank with IVF Program** is our least expensive all-inclusive plan, and it involves the use of eggs that have already been harvested and frozen and are now available for immediate use. This program is possible because of a new and safe rapid freeze process called vitrification that enables eggs to be safely frozen. With the Egg Bank we guarantee you will receive 10 viable eggs from donors that have a proven history of successful donations. It is the quickest plan to a baby because the eggs are immediately available and it eliminates the need to synchronize the donor and carrier cycles. Our Egg Bank program has been extremely successful, with over 75 babies born, and pregnancy rates that match our success with fresh eggs.

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The **Egg Sharing with IVF Program** allows clients to select from a wider list of donors and to receive 12 viable fresh (not frozen) eggs. Our shared program is unique in that it does not require the availability of another couple being co-matched to your donor because if no other match is made, we can freeze the rest of the eggs for our Egg Bank. This program is slightly more expensive than the Egg Bank Option, but gives you more donors to choose from, and it is likely to result in the storage of more high-grade embryos for later use.

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The **Comprehensive Egg Donation with IVF Program** is our most flexible, least restrictive and most empowering plan. It involves the use of fresh eggs from any donor in our program, and therefore the donor pool is wider than what is available in the Egg Bank or Egg Sharing programs. In this all-inclusive option we guarantees 20 viable eggs. If your chosen donor doesn't produce 20 viable eggs upon retrieval, we supplement the difference up to 20 eggs with eggs from the egg bank which can be used even in subsequent cycles if the first cycle does not result in a pregnancy. If the egg donor produces more than 20 eggs, you will receive up to 25 eggs. If there more than 25 you will have the convenient option to purchase as many more as you like for an additional cost, (which you can either decide at the day of the retrieval at which case the additional eggs can be fertilized along the rest of your eggs, or after you have seen the result of your fresh cycle.) With these advantages this Comprehensive Program is highly suitable for people who want to maximize the number of high-grade embryos for future cycles; for same-sex couples who are splitting the eggs so they can both contribute sperm; or for anyone who wants the very highest chances for success. Clients choosing this plan can also supplement it with our **Guarantee / Money Back** option which appeals to those who are most risk averse because it refunds all of your medical coordination, IVF and lab fees if pregnancy does not occur.

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Our **Four Cycle Inclusive Package Program** is designed to maximize your chances of success while controlling the overall cost under almost all scenarios. You are guaranteed to receive up to 25 eggs to be used (if needed) in up to 4 treatment cycles: one fresh cycle and up to 3 subsequent frozen embryo or egg bank cycles. You start with 15 fresh eggs and continue at no additional cost until pregnancy results. Note that packages offered by other clinics rarely guarantee the number of eggs you receive, and do not include the costs for egg donation and embryo creation for subsequent cycles. Conversely, in the package we offer, if you run out of embryos, you choose 5-10 more eggs from the Egg Bank at no additional cost. This Four Cycle program is very inclusive. Aside from carrier-related fees and medications for cycles 2-4, it includes every aspect of all treatment cycles.

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Our **Outside Egg Donor with IVF Program** accommodates clients who are using a family member or friend as a donor, or have chosen a donor through another approved donor agency. In many instances these donors may be older or produce fewer eggs than a CFA donor, and in that instance, our Egg Bank provides a flexible back-up option that you can access on the day of the retrieval.

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## **Which Plan is Right For YOU?**

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If you wish to reduce your costs, you can choose one of our egg sharing programs with either a fresh donor or from CT Fertility's Egg Donor Bank. The Egg Bank option may also be suitable when time is a primary consideration. If you value breadth of egg donor choices, or if you wish to maximize your chances of twins the first time or additional siblings in the future, then our Comprehensive Egg Donation and IVF program would be the best choice for you. If you seek a combination of risk and cost control, while leaving the option open for having an additional journey in the future, then the Four Cycle Inclusive Plan might be your best option.