

IUI PATIENT INFORMATION – DONOR

You have signed an agreement for Coastal Women's Healthcare to inseminate you with donor sperm. Since you are investing time, money, and emotional energy in this process, we want to do all we can to help you achieve a pregnancy.

Coastal Women's Healthcare is committed to providing our patients with the highest level of care. In keeping with that effort, we have made some changes to our donor fertility program. Please read this information carefully, keep it for future reference, and understand that we encourage you to discuss any aspect of this with your doctor or nurse.

Sperm is available for you to purchase through California Cryobank (www.cryobank.com) and New England Cryogenics (www.necryogenic.com). Frozen sperm has been prescreened for sexually transmitted diseases and has been quarantined for a minimum of 90 days prior to release as recommended by the American Fertility Society. As of 2007, specimens sold should have FDA required paperwork which includes the summary of care on the donor and who the sperm is sold to. Coastal Women's Healthcare will **only** perform intrauterine insemination with donor sperm accompanied by the FDA required paperwork and for the patient who is listed as the purchaser of the donor sperm. To purchase donor sperm, you will have to set up an account, browse the donor catalog, and purchase your choice. The cryobank will ship your specimens to our office and we will charge a fee of \$50.00 per month for specimen storage. Our office will **only** accept **three specimens** at a time, in cryo-vials **only** (no straws please), so please take this into consideration when placing your order.

Inseminations are offered at a charge of \$280.00. There is an additional fee of \$50 for sperm preparation. <u>A total of \$330 reflects the cost of each IUI</u>. Payment is due in full at the time of service if you have an insurance plan that does not cover fertility services (all federal plans). For all other insurance plans that cover fertility services, we will bill your insurance; cost will be subject to your deductible. Your insurance may require prior authorization (pre-approval) for fertility treatment. <u>If prior authorization is required, please contact our billing department</u> (Phone # 207-885-8400, Option 5) on Cycle Day 1 to inform our billing team that you are planning for an IUI. They will need ample time to initiate the prior authorization and for a determination to be made.

Inseminations are offered Monday through Friday at Coastal Women's Healthcare between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm.

If a holiday is on or near the day you may need insemination, please call us a few days in advance to discuss our schedule.

FOR THOSE USING OVULATION PREDICTOR KITS

The luteinizing hormone (LH) surge test you are using is designed to predict ovulation within 20 to 40 hours after the LH hormone appears in your urine. We recommend that you test mid-morning and not with the first urine of the day. If it indicates an LH surge (positive OPK), call the office by 10 am to schedule your insemination for the same day.

PREPARATION OF SPECIMEN

In order to achieve maximum motility of the semen specimen, our lab will start the thawing process sixty minutes prior to your scheduled IUI in the office. Please be aware that if you do not show for this appointment or if you must cancel with less than an hour and a half hour notice, you will be charged the cost of the procedure and Coastal Women's Healthcare will not be responsible for the loss of the semen specimen.