



## **California Conceptions Donor Embryo Program Overview**

California Conceptions is a donor embryo program that offers success rates up to 65%-75% per try at a lower cost than using a traditional egg donor. Sometimes referred to as “embryo adoption,” this program gives intended mothers the experience of pregnancy and childbirth, but bypasses the hurdles of traditional adoption.

### **About the Donated Embryos**

The California Conceptions program uses eggs and sperm from anonymous donors to form embryos that are then transferred to the patient. All anonymous donors are thoroughly screened for infectious diseases, medical problems, and meet all state and federal regulations.

### **How Does the Program Work?**

Participants in the program receive information about the donor embryos and have the opportunity to decline a match. Recipients may receive one or two embryos per transfer based on the recipients choice and medical risks. The program offers up to 3 transfers for the same fixed cost. The program is complete after a 12 week pregnancy or after the 3 transfers.

### **Genetic Screening Available**

Preimplantation genetic screening (PGS) is a test to evaluate the embryos using genetic screening to determine if the correct number of chromosomes is present. This testing has been associated with higher pregnancy rates, lower miscarriage rates, and avoidance of genetic disorders such as Down Syndrome. The PGS option offers up to 3 transfers using one genetically tested embryo with each attempt. Gender selection is available if desired at no additional costs. Due to the high costs associated with PGS, the program will have a higher cost than the regular program and the refund option will not refund 100% of treatment costs.

### **What is the main difference between California Conceptions and traditional donated embryo programs?**

Unlike traditional donated embryo programs, the California Conceptions program is designed to have a shorter waiting period and increased availability of anonymous donor embryos. In other donated embryo programs, recipients may have to wait several years for a match. With California Conceptions, most recipient couples can be matched within a few months or less, have up to three embryo transfers, and may qualify for a 100% refund, or a partial refund with the PGS program.



### **100% Refund Guarantee Option**

We are so confident in our donor embryo success rates that California Conceptions can offer qualified participants a 100% refund guarantee. This refund can be applied to an additional 3 transfers without a second guarantee. The PGS program will offer a partial refund that is outlined in our pricing agreement.

### **How do I participate in the California Conceptions program?**

Please visit <http://californiaconceptions.com> for more information about the program. If you would like to proceed forward, you may submit your information to schedule a discussion with one of our program coordinators, who can review the details of the program and answer your questions. If you are not a current patient of California IVF, you will need to complete a health history questionnaire and have a consultation with one of our physicians.

### **What do recipient couples need to know?**

Because this is an anonymous donation program, the ability to specify detailed characteristics of the donor embryos will be limited compared to a traditional egg donor program. While the health history of the donors is made available to you, photographs are not provided. Eggs and sperm from recipient couples will not be used in this program to create embryos. Reserving embryos for future siblings, is not offered as part of this program. Different donors will usually be used for each of the 3 transfers. The PGS option has a different pricing model and patients must choose between the programs with and without genetic screening. Genetic screening only tests the number of chromosomes, and is not able to test for all forms of genetic mistakes which may occur.

### **What happens after I send in the recipient profile?**

As soon as we receive your completed recipient profile and current photo of you and your partner (if applicable), we will contact you to discuss the program in detail.

### **When will I start receiving donated embryo profiles?**

There are several steps that must be completed before you receive a donor profile for consideration. Patients and couples will need to complete a counseling session with a mental health provider to review specific topics pertaining to third party reproduction. Uterine testing and blood testing must be completed. After all of the testing and consent forms are completed, participants will be eligible for matching. When a suitable match becomes available, we will forward a profile to you for acceptance. We will do our best to match the general characteristics of recipients. Donor embryos are available on a "first come, first served" basis. Recipients must sign and return the donor embryo profile by the



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specified date if they wish to move forward. If we do not receive confirmation in a timely manner, the embryos may be matched with another recipient.

### **What happens when I match and return a signed donated embryo profile?**

A program coordinator will contact you with the next steps for moving forward with an embryo transfer. Items such as starting birth control pills, scheduling a baseline ultrasound, visiting a clinical psychologist, signing consents, finalizing payment and treatment calendars, and possible transfer dates will be discussed at that time.

### **I want to go right away. What can I do to speed things up?**

Visit our website at [www.californiaconceptions.com](http://www.californiaconceptions.com) and review the information in the getting started section. Completing your evaluation and obtaining the test results will go a long way to speed up the process. Reviewing all of the information provided will help streamline the process and answer most of the questions we are usually asked.

### **Treatment Protocols**

Patients come to our program for a variety of reasons. Some patients have had years of unsuccessful treatments and countless tests. We are often asked to use unproven medications or tests as part of the program. Based on our years of experience using donor eggs and donor sperm, having a normal uterus and using our prescribed hormone protocols has resulted in a cumulative success for greater than 90% of our patients. Our doctors are infertility specialists with many years of experience. We are familiar with most of the latest internet trends, immune therapy, and proven science regarding egg, sperm, and embryo physiology. You can discuss your concerns with the physician during your new patient consultation. Compliance with our prescribed protocols is required for the refund options.

### **Coordinators**

Patients are assigned to treatment coordinators. Our coordinators are experts in all aspects of the program and have helped hundreds of patients to their journey of becoming parents. The coordinators also have duties within the clinic and see patients along with our doctors. Coordinators are also assisting other patients. Please be patient and understanding when working with your coordinator.

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*The California Conceptions Donated Embryo Program offers patients an excellent opportunity to build a family while limiting the financial costs associated with treatment. Our goal is to help you grow your family.*

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