

DONOR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Departure from the following requirements is not allowed. Any donors not successfully meeting all of these requirements will not be permitted to donate at Family Beginnings, P.C.

1. Egg donors should be preferably between the ages of 21 and 34 years. Donors > 34 years of age may have lower pregnancy rates and the recipient needs to be aware of this and the potential increased risk of miscarriage and chromosome anomalies.
2. Donors must complete and pass the short and long telephone screens (FDA questions).
3. Donors must complete and pass a written FDA screening form.
4. Donors must undergo and pass a psychological evaluation by a qualified mental health professional. In accordance with ASRM guidelines, this psychosocial history should include:
 - a. Family History
 - b. Educational background
 - c. Assessment of stability
 - d. Motivation to donate
 - e. Current life stressors and coping skills
 - f. Difficult or traumatic reproductive history
 - g. Interpersonal relationships
 - h. Sexual history
 - i. History of major psychiatric and personality disorders
 - j. Substance abuse in donor or first degree relatives
 - k. Legal history
 - l. History of abuse or neglect
 - m. Emotional attachment to egg/embryo
 - n. Genetic evaluation
5. Donors are tested for and free of infectious diseases (FDA requirement) within 30 days of donation. These tests include:
 - a. Hepatitis B surface Antigen
 - b. Hepatitis B core Antibody - Total
 - c. Syphilis
 - d. Gonorrhea
 - e. Anti- HCV
 - f. ABO & Rh Type
 - g. HIV 1& 2
 - h. Chlamydia
 - i. CMV
6. Egg Donors must undergo and pass a physical examination.
7. Egg Donors may have proven fertility but this is not required.
8. Non-smoker for at least six months.

Note: Candidates who are excluded from the donor practice should be counseled regarding the reasons for their exclusion and, if appropriate offered a referral.

All records pertaining to donor eligibility will be maintained in the donor's chart.