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Fairfax Cryobank Newsletter

Physicians' update to be published quarterly to keep you informed of the latest developments at Fairfax Cryobank and matters affecting the regulation and use of donor sperm.

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Everyone who has contact with your patients will be courteous, professional, and compassionate with the objective of providing a high level of service and satisfaction.

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Greetings!

Fairfax Cryobank is one of the world's largest and most experienced sperm banks offering exceptional [donor sperm](#), [sperm storage](#) and [embryo storage](#) services. We meet the highest standards of screening and testing of any sperm bank and are fully compliant with all [FDA regulations](#). As part of our commitment to healthy babies, we have ongoing [donor and offspring evaluation](#).

Fairfax Cryobank ID Consent Donor Program



In response to requests from patients, Fairfax Cryobank is pleased to be offering the ID Consent program on a select group of donors. The donors with this option are designated by an 'ID Consent' under the donor number on the [donor register](#). Children conceived by donor insemination may simply want to learn more about their donors as a way of exploring more about themselves. Providing offspring the option to contact their donor when they reach adulthood can be an important factor in realizing that goal. Learn more about [Fairfax Cryobank ID Consent](#) program.

FDA Issues New Guidance Document on Reproductive Tissues Testing

On January 24, 2007 the FDA issued a [new guidance document](#) for immediate implementation. This guidance provides FDA's recommendations for release of certain reproductive HCT/Ps (donor semen) which have not been tested correctly. There are two main issues covered in the new guidance document: 1.) Donor semen tested for HIV1 and HCV using pooled NAT testing, and 2.) The use of diagnostic test kits when donor screening test kits were available.

Only sperm bank to test donor semen for HPV



Fairfax Cryobank is the ONLY sperm bank using DNA genetic analysis to test donor semen for the most prevalent HPV (human papillomavirus) strains known to cause cervical cancer. As a result of Fairfax Cryobank's commitment to being the leader in donor testing, and the Genetics & IVF Institute's (GIVF) unique ability to develop validated testing methods utilizing molecular technology; Fairfax Cryobank began testing all of its donors for HPV in 2001 with a proven technology, DNA-based Polymerase Chain

Reaction ([PCR](#)), a robust Nucleic Acid Amplification Test. All Fairfax Cryobank donors have undergone testing for HPV using DNA PCR in our Molecular Infectious Disease Lab (MIDL) at the Genetics and IVF Institute. While we felt it was important to provide this increased level of safety for our clients, our beliefs were confirmed following the publication of an article in the [March 2001 issue of Obstetrics and Gynecology](#) which recommended the direct testing of all donor semen for HPV using PCR technology. Learn more about [HPV testing at Fairfax Cryobank](#).

NEW: On line pregnancy reporting



Fairfax Cryobank limits the number of pregnancies per donor based on the population of a relevant geographical region. Our geneticist gathers and reviews pregnancy information and will restrict donor sales in a region if his pregnancies exceed our guidelines.

Pregnancy reporting is very important for effective control of donor distribution. To simplify the reporting process, an online form is provided. View our [online pregnancy reporting form](#). In addition, a printed pregnancy report form is also included in the shipping tank with every order. We accept this completed form by mail or fax.

Sincerely,
The Staff of Fairfax Cryobank
Fairfax Cryobank ... the right choice for donor sperm.

Fairfax Cryobank is in full compliance with the new guidance document. Fairfax Cryobank uses the correct test kits as required in 21 CFR 1271.80(c).

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