



The World Egg Bank Newsletter

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Where in the World is TWEB?

ASRM

The premier conference in the US, **October 17-21, 2015** in Baltimore, MD. Join us at tables # 720 and 939 and learn about the exciting new technology of oocyte vitrification from our experts

London

The Fertility Show - **November 7-8** in London, UK. Find us at table # 23 to learn about donor egg options.

Delivering Value!

Thaw Assistance: Our Travelling embryologist will assist with the first thaw protocol at your location and our cost

Experienced Management Team

Dear Diana,

The World Egg Bank continues to demonstrate leadership in egg banking worldwide

Our 2015 data below illustrates our focus on providing quality donor ova and consistent, superior outcomes. Our scientific team continues to grow to provide single source retrieval and ova vitrification, manage quality control systems and support your practice.

We are also introducing an advanced Next Generation Gene Sequencing (NGS) test, sourced exclusively through Igenomix, which can 'match' 600 genes and 6,000 mutations from the egg donor with the sperm identified by the recipient to eliminate potential diseases before fertilization. As pioneers in egg banking, we are the only egg bank to offer this unique NGS testing.

Find us at one of our many conference booths this fall and talk to us about our new initiatives! We will be at ASRM in Baltimore and at The Fertility Show in London, UK before the close of 2015.

Best Regards,
Diana Thomas, CEO
The World Egg Bank



Announcing



Management team with over 30 years of combined individual experience in IVF

Compliance:

Passed all FDA audits for over 10 years and international governmental audits in the UK and Australia

Non-Exclusive:

We do not demand exclusive arrangements with our clinic partners

Easy and Free access to Donors:

Web integration of our donor database to the clinics website. No cost for viewing donors

Responsiveness:

We understand and respect timetables

Large selection of banked eggs:

We have a registry of over 400 active donors and banked eggs

Worldwide Shipping:

We ship to your clinic. Your patient does not have to travel or change doctors for eggs

forward to a friend

join our mailing list

select to view website

view our donors now

The Carrier Genetic (CGT)

The World Egg Bank is pleased to announce our exclusive partnership with Igenomix to bring this state of the art testing to our recipients. We can now find and eliminate potential genetic diseases before your baby is conceived by using The Carrier Genetic Test (CGT). Recipients can "Match" your donor egg with your partner's sperm with Next Generation Gene Sequencing (NGS) used in the CGT.

NGS is a powerful new technology that examines the entire genetic code of a female donor, and predict how her DNA, or genetic code, will interact the genetic information of the male partner prior to conception. Analysis is based entirely on individual DNA testing, not statistical computations. This means this testing is accurate and custom tailored to your partner and egg donor. Igenomix has completed rigorous validation on this technology, which means you can be sure it is accurate and the results are reliable.

Most genetic diseases cannot be cured, only managed, and many are fatal. Approximately 8% of couples have "shared" genetic mutations that can lead to disease in their offspring. Genetic disorders account for 20% of infant mortality in developed countries. This test has already avoided 227 risky matches for couples using donor eggs.

([click here to learn more](#))

In The News

Dr. Howard Jones Jr. was the pioneering physician responsible for the first US IVF birth in 1981. He and his wife, Georgeanna, co-founded the Jones Institute for Reproductive Medicine, which was, and still is, a part of Eastern Virginia Medical School in Norfolk, VA. Dr. Jones was deeply committed to medical ethics in reproductive science, and in 1984 he helped organize the ethics panel for what is now the American Society for Reproductive Medicine. Officially, he retired in 1997 when Georgeanna developed Alzheimer's disease, but he continued to be active in the field and kept regular office hours until just weeks before his death. He published 12 books on IVF in his tenure, with his final book being a memoir of his experience bringing IVF to the United States. Dr. Howard Jones was an inspirational person who was passionate and enthusiastic about everything he did. Without this rare person and his amazing accomplishment, we would not be here today. We are very grateful for his life and all of the lives he has touched.

([click here to read his obituary](#))

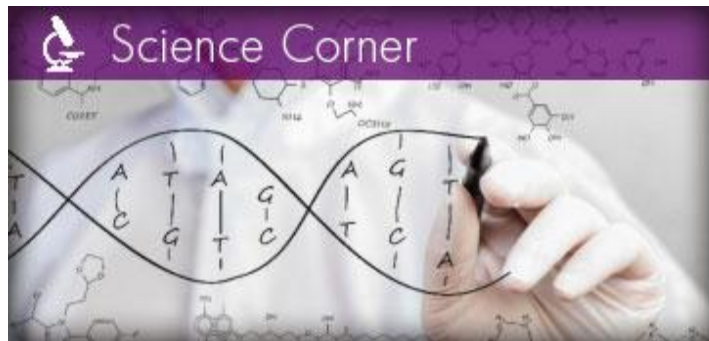


Article response from Dr. Patricia McShane

A recent study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association has generated interest in the media and from our recipients. The study compared the outcomes of using fresh versus frozen donated eggs. It concluded that fresh donor eggs result in a higher live birth rate among recipients (49.6% vs 43.2%). It also showed that the cancellation rate was higher for fresh donor ova cycles compared to frozen (11.7% vs 8.5%).

Vitrification is a highly technical procedure that requires greater skill and experience to standardize and perform effectively. As with any new technology, proficiency follows a learning curve; the more experience an individual has with it, the better they will be. Egg banks have had a greater experience in egg vitrification because they perform vitrification more often. There are other advantages to using frozen ova or fresh ova. First, it is often easier to obtain eggs. Secondly, the cost variation. A fresh donor can be almost double that of a frozen egg cycle, which can be prohibitive for many couples. Using over 10 years of experience freezing eggs, The World Egg Bank has developed successful systems to make frozen donor eggs a successful and viable alternative to using fresh donor eggs.

[\(click here to see full story \)](#)



The World Egg Bank is pleased to announce our statistics for the first half of 2015. Year over year our statistics keep getting better.

The ongoing pregnancy rate is moving higher this year at 53.2%. Survival has never been higher at 91.8% worldwide. Fertilization rivals fresh rates at 76.3%. Finally, cohorts of six to seven oocytes are generally developing 2.61 usable embryos, with 58.2% of our recipients having a transfer plus at least one blastocyst cryopreserved.

[\(click here to see full data \)](#)



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