**2014 Egg and Sperm Donor Surveys:**

**Some interesting information from 320 donors**

**Both Egg and Sperm donors:**

Egg donors: 55%

Sperm donors: 45%

**Citizenship:**

US: 82%

Outside the US: 18%

**Current education levels:**

78% had completed college:

36% undergraduate program

24% Master’s degree or equivalent

18% Professional degree, JD, MD or PhD.

**When you decided to become a donor, did you think about the children your sperm or egg donation would produce?**

Yes: 88%

No: 12%

**Would you have donated if you had not received any money:**

Yes: 50%

No: 50%

**Questions for sperm donors only:**

**How many times a week did you donate?**

1: 42%

2: 39%

3: 15%

4: 2%

More than 6: 2%

**Do you know if all your sperm donations have been used?**

Yes: 29%

No: 71%

**Were you told how many individuals purchased your sperm?**

Yes: 11%

No: 89%

**Some sperm banks ship to countries around the world. Were you informed that your sperm could be shipped abroad?**

Yes: 19%

No: 81%

**Questions for egg donors only:**

**What is the total number of times you went through egg retrieval?**

1: 32%

2: 20%

3: 18%

4: 10%

More than 4: 20%

**Do you know if all your eggs have been used?**

Yes: 12%

No: 88%

**Do you know how many individuals used your eggs?**

Yes: 42%

No: 58%

**Do you have an agreement that allows you to retain any decision making over unused eggs (or the embryos that they are part) from any of your egg retrievals?**

Yes: 14%

No: 86%

**Were there any complications during or following any of your donations such as infection, hyper-stimulating, etc.?**

Yes: 32%

No: 68%

**Have you had any infertility problems after donating?**

Yes: 13%

No: 38%

I do not know because I have not tried to become pregnant: 49%

**Did you donate to more than one facility?**

Yes: 21%

No: 76%

No answer: 3%

**If you donated to more than one facility, did you notify each facility that you had donated elsewhere?**

Yes: 76%

No: 24%

**To the best of your recollection, were you one hundred percent accurate with the medical history you provided?**

Yes: 90%

No: 10%

**Both Egg and Sperm donors:**

**Have you ever been contacted to update your medical history?**

Yes: 19%

No: 81%

**Has your medical history or that of any member in your family changed since you initially gave your medical profile?**

Yes: 48%

No: 52%

**If you have a medical issue that would be helpful to report to families, have you contacted the facility to notify them?**

Yes: 13%

No: 37%

N/A: 50%

**Many donor conceived people want to know if their donor(s) ever thought about them. Did you think about those children?**

Yes: 96%

No: 4%

**Do you ever wonder whether your donor conceived children thought about you?**

Yes: 75%

No: 25%

**Have you contacted your clinic to find out how many children have been born from your donations?**

Yes: 35%

No: 60%

No Answer: 5%

**If no, would you like to know how many children have been born from your donations?**

Yes: 91%

No: 9%

**If your facility had offered you the opportunity to have genetic testing, would you have accepted?**

Yes: 85%

No: 7%

N/A: 8%

**Does your current partner know about your egg or sperm donations?**

Yes: 76%

No: 3%

N/A: 21%

**Is your partner open to connecting with your offspring?**

Yes: 50%

No: 18%

N/A: 32%

**Would you tell a future partner about your sperm or egg donations?**

Yes: 88%

No: 2%

N/A: 10%

**Do your parents know about your sperm or egg donations?**

Yes: 65%

No: 31%

N/A 4%

**Do you have children of your own now?**

Yes: 54%

No: 45%

No Answer: 1%

**If you have children of your own, do they know you were an egg or sperm donor?**

Yes: 34%

No: 18%

They are too young to know: 44%

No answer: 1%

Other: 3%

**If your children are too young to currently understand about half siblings, will you tell them when they are old enough to understand?**

Yes: 81%

No: 4%

Other explanation: 15%

**If your children do know that you were a donor, are they interested in meeting half siblings?**

Yes, they have already met them: 25%

Yes, they are interested in meeting them: 61%

No: 14%

**Have you had any contact with or connected with any donor offspring?**

Yes: 24%

No: 75%

No answer: 1%

**Please indicate how you initially connected with or made contact with donor offspring:**

Sperm bank/clinic/agency: 15%

Donor Sibling Registry: 41%

Another website: 4%

DNA test: 0%

Random meeting (e.g. school function, Disney cruise, summer camp): 1%

A donor offspring found me: 6%

No answer: 2%

Other: 31%

**How would you define the relationship between you and the donor offspring to whom you are the closest?**

Like a son/daughter: 19%

Like a close relative: 19%

Like a distant relative: 10%

Like a friend: 9%

Like an acquaintance: 9%

Like a stranger: 4%

Hard to describe: 14%

Other: 16%

**How much do you agree or disagree with these statements?**

**Donors should not be anonymous:**

Strongly agree: 17%

Agree: 15%

Neutral: 44%

Disagree: 17%

Strongly disagree: 7%

**There should be laws requiring donors to provide medical updates to the bank/clinic:**

Strongly agree: 26%

Agree: 37%

Neutral: 23%

Disagree: 10%

Strongly disagree: 4%

**There should be laws requiring the bank/clinic to report medical updates to all families with reported births:**

Strongly agree: 32%

Agree: 39%

Neutral: 20%

Disagree: 6%

Strongly disagree: 3%

**Knowing me could make offspring’s life easier:**

Strongly agree: 19%

Agree: 33%

Neutral: 36%

Disagree: 9%

Strongly disagree: 3%

**Knowing me does or could offer my offspring more insight into the origins of genetic traits:**

Strongly agree: 32%

Agree: 50%

Neutral: 15%

Disagree: 2%

Strongly disagree: 1%

**Knowing me could offer my offspring more insight into the origins of personality traits:**

Strongly agree: 31%

Agree: 53%

Neutral: 14%

Disagree: 1%

Strongly disagree: 1%

**Knowing me could offer my offspring more family:**

Strongly agree: 25%

Agree: 36%

Neutral: 26%

Disagree: 11%

Strongly disagree: 2%

**Donors should be limited in the number of children they can produce:**

Strongly agree: 21%

Agree: 29%

Neutral: 30%

Disagree: 13%

Strongly disagree: 7%

**Sperm, egg and embryo banks/clinics/agencies should be regulated by the government:**

Strongly agree: 26%

Agree: 26%

Neutral: 27%

Disagree: 13%

Strongly disagree: 8%