

## OREGON HEALTH AND SCIENCES UNIVERSITY (OHSU)

8/4/08	<a href="http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/10954">http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/10954</a>
<p>A member recently wrote to ask about Fairfax Cryobank and which other clinics they have bought up or sold sperm for. Here is the information that we've collected about who shares/sells/buys sperm -Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) is also known as Andrology Laboratory Riverplace.</p>	
7/20/08	<a href="http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/10829">http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/10829</a>
<p>OHSU gives year of the donor's birth, and the age he was when he donated, so it's pretty easy to determine the probable age of the oldest kids (6 month quarantine, 9 months pregnancy, give or take a few failed IUIs).</p>	
4/14/08	<a href="http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/10423">http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/10423</a>
<p>I wonder if our fertility clinic-OHSU Andrology really disposed of parents'/recipients' files 3 years after conception? From my experience I've become saddened because I do not know who to trust and I was not distrustful before being told of my conception, which was when we were 21 years old. Geez, this process gets a little confusing. I think most people involved in this process would greatly benefit from a therapist. I wish we had more clinics that were dedicated to the emotional aspects of adoption and donor conception!!! :)</p>	
3/7/08	<a href="http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/10237">http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/10237</a>
<p>OHSU has FI, or future information donors, but I don't remember ever seeing anything about identity release. Before my first IUI, I was counseled by the fertility clinic re: Single Mothers by Choice, but at that time, I don't think they even knew about DSR, it was so new. Brian called me after my daughter was born to see if I had given birth. It probably is a regional thing. But I also used OHSU Andrology for my insemination. I called them to report, but Brian still called me independently, because even though they are in the same office, they are separate entities. BTW, I had a very positive experience with both the sperm bank and fertility clinic, and Brian called me when the unexpectedly found a vial from my donor when they moved offices, because he knew I was interested. Unfortunately, it did not work out, but I have stayed in touch.</p>	
3/7/08	<a href="http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/10236">http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/10236</a>
<p>I just contacted OHSU to report the birth of my son. I've had great experiences with Brian as well, but I do have some reservations about OHSU. We chose a "willing to be known" donor, but the age of consent is 21. When I spoke with Brian today, I asked more about how the process works when my son turns 21 (an age that he thinks could potentially change to 18). He told me that it's called a "future information donor" which I don't remember that being the case, but my memory isn't the best these days. Here's the link of what that agreement looks like: <a href="http://www.fertilityoregon.com/lab/donor-info-release.htm">http://www.fertilityoregon.com/lab/donor-info-release.htm</a> It's basically up to the donor to decide what information, if any, he wants to give out. The "program" is only 6 years old, so there haven't been any test cases to see how it will in fact work. The donor is responsible for keeping the bank updated on his current address. When I asked what would happen if my son contacted the bank and the donor had moved, would they investigate further, I was told that they would. One other thing that bothered me was that fact that no one had contacted me to see if there had been a pregnancy, much less a birth. They do geographically restrict their donors to no more than 12 FAMILIES (doesn't include siblings) within the state of Oregon and southern Washington. I live outside of that area, so I think that may be part of the reason I (and any possible pregnancies) wasn't kept track of. After reading this discussion board for the last year, I really wish I'd gone with TSBC b/c of their work with known donors. I don't have a problem with OHSU, but if your main concern is to have access to the donor at a future date, from what I've read on this board, they seem like the bank to go with. I really applaud you arming yourself with this knowledge prior to the pregnancy process. It was very overwhelming for me and my partner</p>	

and I felt like I didn't even know what the questions were to ask. Hindsight is of course 20/20. Good luck with all of it!

3/7/08 | <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/10235>

Regarding OHSU: My mom was inseminated with me 27 years ago at OHSU Andrology. It of course was much less documented then, but they have been nothing but helpful in getting us all of the information they have on the donor, 20+ years later when my mom requested it. I know others in my age group who have also worked with Brian to get whatever information they have on record. It's not as much info as what is documented now, but at least it's something. And it's nice to be able to contact a clinic and people who understand the importance of the information and are willing to dig through old paper files to find it. So, speaking to their character and accountability, OHSU has been wonderful.

3/7/08 | [http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DSR\\_Discussion/message/4470](http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DSR_Discussion/message/4470)

My husband and I live in Portland (where OHSU is located) and had a positive experience there. The sperm bank is basically run by two people, Brian being the main contact person. This was nice because we went to the clinic with two potential donor profiles and asked Brian and his colleague (a woman whose name I don't remember) - "Do either of these guys look like my husband?" They ruled out one and said the other "could be his brother" which was apparently good information because EVERYONE says our two sons look just like my husband. Now that is just OHSU andrology, where the sperm was purchased. I must comment that we had a not so great experience with our consultation with a RE there and ended up going with a RE at Oregon Reproductive Medicine (formerly Portland Center for Reproductive Medicine). Dr. Hesla was wonderful. You didn't mention if you actually live in the Portland area, but if so, I would highly recommend Dr. Hesla for the procedure.

3/6/08 | [http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DSR\\_Discussion/message/4465](http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DSR_Discussion/message/4465)

Has anyone here used or heard much about OHSU (Oregon Health & Science University) Fertility Consultants? I found them through spermcenter.com. The bank seems up-to-standard and I really like some of the donor profiles. They do, however, offer the entire long profile for free online so I wonder if this is why so many seem attractive, where you get less info up front at most other banks (though I know you can pay for additional info). I did read about a lawsuit against OHSU where directed donor sperm (intended for the donor's fiance) was accidentally used for someone who was supposed to be using an anonymous donor. The mistake was caught shortly after the insemination. This makes me a bit wary, but I know there are stories with most banks. Also, the release form that ID Release donors sign is ambiguously worded and it sounds as if the donor can change his mind later on. And the ID Release does not go into effect until the child is 21. We definitely want our child to have to option of contacting the donor as an adult.

Here is the release form:

<http://www.fertilityoregon.com/lab/donor-info-release.htm>

Terms of information release by a sperm donor

I believe the decision to exchange information between a child conceived by artificial insemination with donor sperm and the sperm donor should be mutual. At the time I am signing this statement my feeling about exchange of information is as follows.

I am willing to consider some exchange of information in the future between myself and children conceived by artificial insemination with my sperm through your donor sperm program. The terms of this exchange are:

1. The OHSU Andrology/Embryology Lab (the Lab) will never release any information about me which would allow me to be identified, as agreed upon in the consent I signed with the Lab.
2. The Lab has my permission to contact me by phone or in writing, or attempt to contact me by phone or in writing, in response to a request from an adult child who has achieved at least 21 years of age, conceived by artificial insemination with my sperm, who wishes to obtain more information about me.
3. If I agree at that time, the Lab may forward written correspondence to me from the adult child and I will consider the appropriate response. The Lab may act as intermediary in the exchange of information, both forwarding written correspondence to me, and forwarding my written correspondence to the child, if I desire.
4. It is my feeling at this time that I am willing to entertain an exchange of information, although I do not know exactly what information about myself I would be willing to provide. In particular, I do not know whether I

would be willing to release my identity. Because this exchange is to be so far in the future, and I cannot know what my life situation will be at that time, I reserve the right to make all decisions on the information I would provide about myself.

To facilitate contact with me in the future, I will attempt to keep the Lab informed of my current address. The Lab has my permission to inform recipients of the terms of this statement.

10/27/07 | <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/9152>

I had to meet with a social worker prior to having my donor sperm IUI, but the session was mostly related to her giving me information about resources, and some articles about telling your children about their origins (very much about telling the truth, props to OHSU Andrology) and she referred to me to SMC. She did ask if I had questions, but she did not assess me by any means. And I know because I am a social worker too. She also did all of the personality assessments on the donors, which were fascinating, but I don't think she offered them any counseling either, just interviewed them for info for their profiles.

5/18/06 | <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/7267>

After waiting to hear from OHSU Andrology lab as to whether they would be willing to contact the donor regarding possibly needing him to donate bone marrow....long story.  
WE FINALLY got our answer!!! The donor contacted OHSU last week, not only is he willing to donate the bone marrow that would save my baby's life, but he is already registered with the National Bone Marrow Registry. UNBELIEVEABLE.....what are the odds???  
We are so thankful to OHSU for working with our family in regards to saving my baby's life. They too were amazed at the willingness of this donor to help someone he doesn't know. WOW!

4/12/06 | [http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DSR\\_Discussion/message/1851](http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DSR_Discussion/message/1851)

I wanted to keep you all up to date in how our baby is doing As well as the situation in contacting the bank to forward a letter asking if he would be screened for a bone marrow match if necessary.  
I got a message from the bank yesterday telling me that they received my letter, and are forwarding the letter to the donor. My husband & I know that the donor may say no. Our prospective is, that it doesn't hurt to ask. Our baby will be turning a year old on April 19th. She will go in for further testing this month, since her condition is showing no signs of clearing. Thankfully, her health has been good, and we have been able to avoid her getting infections thus far.  
We will keep you all posted on what the donor and the bank's response is. The bank is telling us that even if the donor agrees to be screened, that they don't know how they will handle that, or even if they will address it.

4/3/06 | <http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/6847>

Those of you who had read my posting know that my baby's life is at stake. She potentially may need a bone marrow transplant, and additional blood transfusions for a condition called cyclic neutropenia.  
I have contacted the sperm bank and they are refusing to send a general letter that I typed. I simply asked in the letter if the donor would be willing to be tested for a bone marrow match. We would pay for all costs, and his identity would still be confidential.....So, I don't understand why the lab won't cooperate.  
One person e-mailed me, saying perhaps I should get an attorney. Another suggestion was to use the media. However, my husband & I have chosen to keep our choice of using a donor confidential. For me, I would like to try other avenues such as using this site, and the bone marrow registry as well.  
As I said before, my baby is doing okay right now, and is not in need of the transplant right now. We just don't know how much longer she will remain healthy.