

## PROCREA

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<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/15671>

In 2010, when I was trying for my son, I was working with Ovo in Montreal. They did not have an active sperm bank of their own at the time and I had a meeting with a nurse and their embryologist who explained about sperm donors. They highly recommended that we use either Can-Am Cryo (distributor of Fairfax and California Cryobank), or Outreach (distributor for Xytex and shortly after added a few donors from the European Sperm Bank). I had asked about Repromed and they said they had had bad experiences - either with shipping or storage and quality of sperm but they remained vague and said they had always had positive experiences with the other two so recommended them strongly. When I searched the Repromed website, at the time, they only offered Canadian donors, all were anonymous and they only had about 30 donors to pick from and there were no photos and donor profiles were very limited. In 2011 when I started trying for a second, Can-Am Cryo, Outreach and even Repromed all offered donors from all of the larger American sperm banks.

With open donors, patients are required to place their orders directly with the supplier. However, if you use an anonymous donor in Quebec, you can purchase from the American banks (donor must be anonymous and sperm unit be washed for it to qualify for medicare coverage), but you fill out the forms on the clinics website and the clinique places the order for you. In Montreal, Procrea clinique will supply you with a unit of an anonymous donor of their selection unless you specify you want to use what they refer to as an external donor. This seems to be a novel concept to many of the clinics' staff so I have a feeling it's not a common option - even the therapist you need to meet prior to treatment and the lab personnel push strongly for using the clinics anonymous donors. In hospitals that offer assisted reproductive treatment to singles outside of the Montreal area actually don't give you a choice, you HAVE to use anonymous donors (unless you have a husband) and you cannot opt to buy from a sperm bank if you insist on open donors. They do not say where they get the sperm from and I cannot imagine that they have an ample supply of altruistic sperm donors (as there is no remuneration for such a service despite all the hoops the donors need to jump thru to qualify), that are readily available, especially in regions outside of the major urban areas, to treat the ever increasing number of single or gay women... No identifying information for the donors is ever divulged and no mention is ever given. Either they purchase from the sperm banks or there are a few fertility doctors that have been very prolific, just like the good 'ol days!

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The largest fertility clinic in Montreal - Procrea, has their own sperm bank -they have claimed to some that they had 100s of donors but recently admitted to a patient that they had about 12 - 14 active donors at this time. They refuse to give patients their donor number - apparently claiming that the info must remain anonymous. Even patients having 2nd children are not divulged the donor number - simply that they can or cannot have the same donor is he is available...