

ROCKY MOUNTAIN CRYOBANK (CLOSED NOW)

8/4/08	http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/10954
<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: -NECC confirmed that donors do in fact come from Rocky Mountain Cryobank. They also said that one donor's remaining inventory was sold to Fletcher Allen (FAHC) in Vermont. Fletcher Allen used to be University Health Center.</p>	
3/12/05	http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/4273
<p>I know what you mean when you say that you don't expect a response from NECC. The bank that I used (Rocky Mountain Cryobank) closed several years ago. (Their inventory was purchased by NECC, by the way.) I've tried contacting the owners/director of RMC, but they haven't responded. They also didn't return calls when Jackson Hole News & Guide (where RMC was located) did a story about my daughters in Nov. 2003. Thankfully, none of my questions relate to the health of my children. As I see it, the cryobanks have nothing to gain and everything to lose by changing the way they do business. They operate behind a curtain of secrecy, giving them complete control. Who will ever know when mistakes are made or things go wrong? There's no regulation or accountability. How do we even know if the information we're given about our donors isn't altered or even fabricated by the cryobanks themselves? With anonymous donors there's virtually no way of checking or verifying the accuracy of any of the information. These issues of secrecy and lack of accountability need to be changed.</p>	
4/1/04	http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/3124
<p>I understand your concerns. I used a donor from Rocky Mountain Cryobank (now closed) to conceive my 2 daughters. When RMC closed, their inventory was sold to New England Cryogenic Center. NECC was wise enough to keep the same donor numbers used at RMC, however, they failed to notify the recipients (and donors, I'm sure) of this change. (Recipients of NECC assumed their donors were from NECC.) Without this information, the chances of a donor/offspring match are almost impossible. A sibling/sibling match would be equally as difficult if the children were conceived both before and after the sale to NECC. Seems to me a national registry of some sort would eliminate this type of problem.</p>	