



### Welcome to the Genetics & IVF Institute (GIVF)

We appreciate your interest and invite you to explore our program, which is among the most comprehensive and successful in the nation.

You will find that the strength of our donor egg program lies in five key areas:

- OUR FANTASTIC DONORS: We have over 120 donors to choose from. Our donors are bright, educated and talented women. Only 1 in 200 applicants is accepted into our program. All are strictly screened and many are immediately available. We provide extensive information on each donor including both current and childhood photos, as well as medical, personal and educational background.
- THE OPTION OF FRESH OR FROZEN: You can match with a donor for a fresh cycle or choose to utilize frozen eggs from our very own egg bank. This flexibility gives you more choices and more control. You can begin treatment right away, no waiting lists!
- OUTSTANDING SUCCESS RATES: Most of our patients become pregnant with their first attempt.
- AFFORDABLE OPTIONS: Instead of a one-size fits all approach, we offer different packages to suit your individual needs.
- UNPARALLELED EXPERTISE: Our decades of experience means we are very well equipped to understand and to earn the special trust that donor egg recipients place in us. Working closely with our patients is incredibly rewarding, and we feel pride in exceeding our patients' expectations every step of the way.

Donor Egg IVF opens up a world of possibilities and new hope for those who have struggled to conceive. Since our inception in 1984, GIVF has helped thousands of couples from around the world realize their dream of having a baby. It is our sincere wish that you will be our next success story.



"We felt as though all staff we interacted with treated us as unique individuals with a unique case rather than as a number."



# Highly trained staff with a human touch





"My doctor was very patient, understanding, and sympathetic to my particular situation and offered every type of help and assistance that one had available. Thanks!"

#### **CONTINUITY OF CARE**

From the moment you step into our beautiful, spacious facility on through every step of your treatment, you will experience unparalleled commitment to your care. Quality healthcare with a "human touch" is what you can expect each time you visit GIVF.

The GIVF philosophy to providing you quality care uses a primary care approach. You will be assigned a physician and donor egg coordinator who will partner with you throughout the entire process. Unlike larger practices, you can count on the same team to care for you every step of the way. Our focus on individualized care will provide you with every level of support you need to achieve your dream.

#### EXPERT PHYSICIANS

Our fertility physicians are all board-certified reproductive endocrinologists, each with many years of professional experience. Their expertise and experience have helped thousands of patients worldwide achieve their goal of building happy, healthy families.

Our physicians are, or have been, faculty members at some of the leading medical schools in the country. Their combination of medical practice and academic experience keep them on the cutting edge of healthcare and in touch with their patients' needs. For more information and to read our physicians' biographies, please visit our website.



"Throughout it all, our coordinator was a constant source of support and encouragement. Her patience and dedication were exemplary, answering all my questions promptly and sometimes just lending me a sympathetic ear. I felt that she was holding my hand every step of the way."

#### COMPASSIONATE DONOR EGG COORDINATORS

You can count on your donor egg coordinator to be your single point of contact throughout your fertility treatment. Working along with your physician, your coordinator will know everything about your treatment plan. If not immediately available, your coordinator will always respond promptly and support you while working through any issue. Many emotions and logistical challenges can often arise in fertility treatment, but rest assured that your coordinator will help you through every step.

Our commitment to integrated treatment extends to the egg donor you select (or a known donor if you so choose). It is important to note that GIVF does not use an outside egg donor agency. Rather, we meet all of your needs under one roof. GIVF uses highly selective criteria in choosing egg donors so that we can offer you the highest quality selection possible. Each of our coordinators has extensive knowledge of the available donors and can assist you in your search.

One of the most important tasks your coordinator will provide for you is working closely with you and your donor to ensure a well-coordinated cycle. Our donors are personally committed to your cycle's success and we are just as committed to caring for them as we are for you.

#### **EMOTIONAL SUPPORT**

As an integral part of this "human touch," we also provide patient support, education, and counseling with a licensed therapist who is herself, a donor egg mother. Her unique perspective of professional and personal experience lends her an insightful level of compassion that many patients find helpful. One-on-one patient support is available for individuals and couples, and support groups meet regularly.

We understand that fertility treatment is a complex journey that is a uniquely different experience for each individual. Our commitment to helping you realize your dream includes providing you personalized care that will fit your individual lifestyle and choices. We are here to provide you with all the tools, information, and support you need to achieve your dream. We are here for you on a professional and personal level throughout your entire journey.

# A large, diverse pool of donors immediately available for you





"The selection of donors is impressive and the GIVF program offers audio interviews and current photos. This adds to the comfort level as a couple goes about choosing a donor. I still haven't figured out why the other clinics are behind the curve in this area."

### EXTENSIVE INFORMATION PROVIDED ON EVERY EGG DONOR

At GIVF, we are confident that you will find an egg donor who is an ideal match for you. Our donor pool is extensive, diverse, and pre-screened. Many donors are immediately available. Our patients are able to search for a donor based on a number of criteria, some of which include:

- Ethnic background
- Current photos
- Childhood photos
- Audio interviews
- Blood type & Rh Factor
- Family medical history
- · Height & weight
- Body build
- Eye color
- Hair color & texture
- · Years of education and areas of study
- Occupation
- Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) scores and grade point averages
- · Special interests and sports
- Written essay
- Personality typing
- Cycle history
- (Whether pregnancies have been achieved)



actual donors

"At times I can hardly believe that there are people out there, like my donor, who are so kind as to give so much of themselves to make our dreams come true. Words cannot express my gratitude enough to her."

### VIGOROUS SCREENING DONE ON EVERY EGG DONOR BEFORE THEY ARE ADMITTED TO OUR PROGRAM

Donors are extensively tested for genetic and infectious diseases and a thorough medical history is taken. It is important to note that this evaluation and testing is done before the donor is ever listed as available. This is something that distinguishes us from many other programs: Our donors are "pre-screened", which means you can rest assured that every donor you see listed is qualified and appropriate. Note: In fresh cycles, some donor testing such as infectious disease screening is repeated at the time of cycle start to ensure the most up-to-date results.

- HIV 1, 2 & 0, Hepatitis B & C, Syphilis, Gonorrhea & Chlamydia
- Full chromosome analysis (karyotype)
- DNA testing for Cystic Fibrosis (99 mutations), Fragile X, Tay Sachs & Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)
- Fertility evaluation including hormone testing and ultrasound evaluation of the ovaries
- An extended screening panel for specific, ancestry-based genetic disorders
- Physical exam
- Psychological exam
- Extensive medical and family history reviewed by our in-house medical geneticist, Dr. Harvey Stern, MD, PhD.

We provide such extensive information on every donor so that you can be comfortable when making your decision about which donor to choose. Our donor egg coordinators are here to provide feedback and to help you should any questions arise regarding any of our donors. Many GIVF Donor Egg IVF patients get pregnant on the very first attempt





"I have and will continue to recommend friends to GIVF. It is with great appreciation and enthusiasm–I sing your praises. We have a beautiful son thanks to your team."

#### **COMMITTED TO YOUR SUCCESS**

Put simply, the vast majority of patients in our Donor Egg IVF program achieve pregnancy.

Our unique combination of quality healthcare, cutting edge science, and clinical excellence gives patients superior odds of having successful outcomes. During your consultation, your physician will discuss the statistics with you and review how these numbers relate to the probability of your pregnancy.

As the first outpatient fertility clinic in the United States, GIVF has been a leader in the development or early adoption of the latest technologies in the fertility field. That legacy continues today in the fields of embryo and egg freezing (vitrification), as well as genetic testing.

In addition to our state-of-the-art embryology lab, we are one of the few fertility clinics to operate our own Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD) and molecular genetics labs under the same roof. These services are available to you and can be provided seamlessly along with Donor Egg IVF.

GIVF is also a leader in the field of donor gametes. We are the only clinic in the country with both donor egg and donor sperm programs, which enables us to comprehensively meet all of your fertility needs.

# Realizing Your Dream

Once your pregnancy is established, there is nothing distinguishable about a Donor Egg IVF pregnancy from any other. Your body simply takes over and pregnancy, delivery, and lactation all happen naturally. Your child is yours before the very first heartbeat.

## Getting started

- Schedule an initial consultation with one of our boardcertified reproductive endocrinologists. Depending on your preference, this can be conducted in-person or by phone. Your physician will review your medical history and order appropriate "pre-cycle" testing at that time.
- 2. Following your consultation, you will meet your donor egg coordinator. Working in conjunction with your physician, your coordinator will assist you with the donor selection process. Your coordinator will work with you throughout the entire donor egg treatment process, including donor selection, cycle coordination, egg retrieval, and transfer of embryos.
- 3. Begin your pre-cycle testing. These tests often include a uterine evaluation, hormone testing, infectious disease testing, and semen analysis. Additional tests may be required depending on your specific circumstances.
- 4. Select one or more possible donors.
- 5. Schedule a follow-up consultation with your physician to review your pre-cycle test results. Your physician will recommend a treatment plan at this time.
- 6. The donor match is finalized when the pre-cycle testing and physician follow-up are completed, your selected donor is available, and you decide you are ready to start a donor cycle.
- 7. Based on you and your donor's menstrual cycles and any schedule conflicts, your coordinator will provide you with your "calendar." The calendar is a list of dates and instructions for medications, as well as a schedule for blood work and sonogram testing to monitor your response to the medications.
- 8. The cycle is initiated after you and your donor's "baseline" blood work and sonogram show that physiological parameters are ready to begin medication. Egg retrieval takes place approximately 10-14 days after cycle initiation. Embryo transfer will happen 3-5 days later, and pregnancy test will be done 9-11 days after embryo transfer.



GIVF understands that most Donor Egg IVF patients are eager to start treatment. GIVF eliminates delays and administrative barriers so that patients can proceed to treatment quickly. The time frame may vary based on pre-cycle testing, compatibility with the donor's schedule, and other factors, but the time between choosing a donor and embryo transfer is short for most patients. Patients who have had traditional IVF will find that Donor Egg IVF is a far easier treatment.



A typical Donor Egg IVF cycle calendar

DAY	DONOR RECIPIENT	EGG DONOR
First week of period	Begin birth control pills. Continue daily as directed.	Start birth control pills daily.
7-21 days after starting birth control	Daily Lupron injections begin. Continue birth control pills.	Lupron injections begin.
4-7 days after starting Lupron	Take last birth control pill as directed. Continue Lupron injections daily.	Take last birth control pill. Continue Lupron.
5-10 days after taking last birth control pill	Baseline blood work and ultrasound. If normal, start Estrace to develop the endometrial lining of the uterus.	Baseline blood work and ultrasound. If normal, start gonadotropins to stimulate follicular development.
Day after baseline	Decrease Lupron dosage as directed. Continue Estrace as instructed.	Continue FSH. Decrease Lupron. Periodic blood work and ultrasounds to evaluate follicular growth over the next 7-12 days.
5 days after starting Estrace	Have blood work done to monitor estradiol level. Adjust dose and continue Estrace and Lupron.	Continue FSH. Decrease Lupron. Periodic blood work and ultrasounds to evaluate follicular growth.
9 days after starting Estrace	Have ultrasound and blood work to assess thickness of endometrial lining.	Continue FSH. Decrease Lupron. Periodic blood work and ultrasounds to evaluate follicular growth.
Approximately 2-7 days after Estrace day 9 evaluation	Final blood and ultrasound appointment Only when directed to do so, discontinue Lupron. Continue Estrace. Start Progesterone. Start Doxycycline. Husband provides semen sample on morning of retrieval.	Approximate Donor Retrieval Day.
3-5 days after starting progesterone	Embryo transfer day. Continue Estrace, Progesterone, Doxycycline. Bed rest for 24 hours after transfer.	Restart Lupron to suppress hormones.
14 days after starting progesterone	Pregnancy test. If positive, repeat in 3-7 days as directed.	





"Hope at last! I couldn't believe how easy it was to conduct a cycle long distance. On our first try with GIVF, I became pregnant."

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