WHO ARE WE?

Fertility Center of California
Family Fertility CryoBank

Dr. Bastuba has been helping build families throughout Southern California while preserving precious reproductive tissue since 1993. Fertility Center of California is a fertility clinic, sperm processing facility, and sperm donor bank. Family Fertility CryoBank is a reproductive materials storage facility. Together, we help patients meet their future reproductive needs. Our mission is to educate patients and provide them the resources needed to allow all patients to preserve their fertility in preparation for all life’s situations.

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WHO SHOULD CRYOPRESERVE?
Anyone that wants to ensure his/her ability to have genetic offspring in the future.

WHEN SHOULD YOU CRYOPRESERVE?
Prior to any consideration of hormone therapy or gender reassignment surgery. Testosterone and estrogen are pivotal in sperm and egg production. It is important that fertility preservation is completed prior to altering the sex hormone ranges.

TRANSITIONING MTF (MALE TO FEMALE)
If you are biologically male, the Fertility Center of California is capable of assisting in your fertility preservation because it is a CLIA certified, CDPH compliant, and FDA registered sperm processing facility.

TRANSITIONING FTM (FEMALE TO MALE)
If you are biologically female, Family Fertility CryoBank (FFCB) can store your cryopreserved eggs. You will need to work with an IVF center to retrieve and cryopreserve the eggs first. FFCB works with all IVF centers in Southern California.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A SEXUALLY INTIMATE PARTNER AND A DIRECTED DONOR?

Sexually Intimate Partner (SIP)
Frozen sperm that will be used with a female in which the patient is sexually active. This would apply to those transitioning MTF that will have a female partner. In this situation, the patient may undergo normal cryopreservation protocol. This means that only basic infectious disease testing is required.

Directed Donor
Frozen sperm that has the potential to be used in a female in which the patient is NOT sexually active (e.g. surrogate), must follow the Directed Donor protocol, according to the Food and Drug Administration (FDA). This would apply to those transitioning MTF that will have a male partner. This protocol is different from the SIP protocol because additional infectious disease testing, physical exams, and questionnaires will need to be performed within a very specific time frame around sperm collection and cryopreservation. This protocol needs to be established prior to the collection of any sperm or the tissue cannot be used for this purpose.

QUESTIONS?
Please feel free to call the office directly at (888) 951-CRYO and ask to speak with a lab member.
The consultation will be with a qualified andrology coordinator who will be able to determine an appropriate protocol (SIP/Directed Donor) and collection schedule based on the semen analysis. The coordinator will be able to help with any financial questions, future concerns, and questions regarding protocols or ART procedures.

**THE COLLECTION PROCESS**

Many find the collection process daunting. Please do not worry! Collection rooms are equipped with a sound machine, TV, and materials. It is important to note that many lubricants are spermicidal so if a lubricant is needed, a sperm friendly one is available upon request.