



Summary of the Psychological Evaluation of the Embryo Recipient and the Embryo Donor

Introduction:

Thank you for considering evaluation our embryo recipient. While you may have evaluated individuals and couples in the past for adoption purposes, the issues are somewhat unique to the embryo donation process. Here are few examples:

- Cryopreserved embryos are being provided by the Embryo Donors. These are excess embryos that were created during in vitro fertilization. The Embryo Donors had the choice of using the embryos to further expand their family, discarding, donating to science or donating to eligible recipients (i.e., Embryo Donation).
- The donors are not being paid to provide their embryos.
- These embryos are being sent to Embryo Donation International (EDI) for eventual transfer into the recipient.
- The idea here is to make the Embryo Donor feel comfortable with the Embryo Recipient.

We have three types of donations here at EDI:

Anonymous Embryo Donation	This is the most common form of embryo donation. The embryo donors and recipients are not in any way known to the other. Medical, but not psychological evaluations, are used to determine eligibility.
Approved Embryo Donation	A psychological evaluation of the recipients is requested. The embryos are still donated and received anonymously but your evaluation will be provided to both the embryo donors (identifying information removed) and recipients.
Open Embryo Donation	The open option is reserved for embryo donors and recipients that want to get to know each other. A psychological evaluation of both the donors and recipients is required.

We are asking that you agree to participate in either the Approved Embryo Donation or Open Embryo Donation process. If you are approved, you will receive information separately regarding which particular form of donation is being considered in a separate letter.

Questions to Consider for the Embryo Recipients:

Approved Embryo Donation, Embryo Recipients

1. How do you feel about receiving embryos from an anonymous source?

2. Do you intend to tell family and friends of the donation?
3. Will you tell the offspring of embryo donation their origin? If so, how and when?
4. Have you ever been charged or convicted of sexual/physical abuse, domestic violence or child neglect?
5. What is the length of your current relationship?
6. What is your financial status?
7. How is your health?

Open Embryo Donation, Embryo Recipients

1. How will you tell the offspring of their origin?
2. Do you intend to try to keep a relationship with the embryo donors in the future?
3. Have you offered any money directly to the donors?
4. Have you ever been charged or convicted of sexual/physical abuse, domestic violence or child neglect?

Questions to Consider for the Embryo Donors:

Open Embryo Donation, Embryo Donors

1. What will you tell existing siblings, if any, regarding your donation of embryos?
2. Do you intend to try to keep a relationship with the embryo recipients in the future?
3. Have the recipients offered you any money directly for your embryos?

General Agreement:

If you agree to participate, the following should be understood:

1. This evaluation should emphasize the Embryo Recipients and will be read by the prospective Embryo Donors before they will agree to transfer their embryos for donation. A copy of your summary will also be sent to the recipients themselves.
2. If this is an evaluation for an Approved Embryo Donation, we ask that you minimize the amount of identifying information you include in your report about the Embryo Recipients, as this will have to be “blacked out” before being sent to the embryo donors. If there is an unusual amount of identifying information in the report, you may be asked to redo it.
3. In the Approved Embryo Donation process, your name and the name of your practice will be removed or blacked-out before being sent to the embryo donors. In this way, we will protect your anonymity and the anonymity of the embryo recipients. We do not want the donors somehow finding the recipients through you.
4. Your payment should be arranged before the meeting. We ask that you stay within your proposed estimate. Ongoing counseling will be up to the recipients and donors but the specific evaluation to donate and receive embryos should be otherwise limited.
5. The embryo recipient has a partner, please be sure to interview both together.
6. We expect to have your summary within 10 business days of the interview date. This may be sent via fax or an electronic format.
7. If it is an Open Embryo Donation program, please send EDI your summary **before** you forward it to the Embryo Donors or Recipients.

Health Care Professional Stipulations:

Embryo donors and recipients come in all sorts of relationships. **Please indicate if you refuse to counsel** any Embryo Donors or Recipients if they have the following current partner status:

Refuse To Counsel

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No

Partner Status

_____	Single
_____	Heterosexual, unmarried
_____	Heterosexual, married
_____	Lesbian, cohabitation or married
_____	Gay, cohabitation or married

Your Contact Information:

We will need your contact information with this signature page:

_____	_____	_____	_____
Last Name	First Name	M.I.	Title
_____	_____	_____	_____
Address	City	State	Zip
_____	_____ / ____ / ____	_____	_____
E-Mail Address	Today's Date	Business Name	
() _____	() _____	() _____	
Business Phone	Work Fax	Cell Phone (Optional)	

In Summary:

Once you have signed this consent which simply states that you have read, understood and accepted the suggestions by EDI with respect to your potential psychological evaluation of embryo recipients and recipients, the specific identifying information regarding the appropriate parties will be sent to you.

Please return this document by mail, fax or e-mail.

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Additional information can be obtained by visiting www.EmbryoDonation.com.

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Mental Health Professional's Signature	Mental Health Professional's Name (print)	Date
_____	_____	____ / ____ / ____
EDI Coordinator's Signature	EDI Coordinator's Name (print)	Date

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