

## **Patient Information**

### **GCRM Donor Sperm availability and pricing**

GCRM has two main options available for those patients looking to obtain donor sperm.

#### **Option 1. – GCRM donors**

GCRM has sperm donors, recruited locally, and have limited quantities of sperm available for immediate use. Straws can be purchased for treatment now or can be stored for use at a later date. However, GCRM can only supply donated sperm to patients seeking treatment through the centre.

The straws of sperm are being sold on the basis of a restricted number of '**Pregnancy Slots**' for each donor. Each sperm donor can legally be used to create ten families. To ensure that this limit is adhered to, each patient using the sperm from one particular donor is required to purchase one of the ten 'pregnancy slots' available. Once a pregnancy slot has been secured, the patient then purchases a number of straws of sperm and proceeds to treatment. One straw of sperm being sufficient for one course of treatment (IUI, IVF or ICSI).

The costs for the GCRM donor sperm are as follows;

<b>Pregnancy Slot</b>	<b>£750</b>
<b>Per straw of sperm</b>	<b>£175 (inc first year storage)</b>
<b>Continued storage (per annum)</b>	<b>£200 (year two onwards)</b>

#### **Important Additional Information**

1. If a GCRM patient achieves a pregnancy using donor sperm, and a child is born, the patient may wish to return at a future date and use the same donor (assuming there are stocks still available) to have further treatment. In this situation only the fee per straw and the cost of the treatment would be payable (no pregnancy slot fee).
2. If a patient fails to achieve a pregnancy and/ or does not wish any further treatment they are entitled to a **75% refund of the Pregnancy Slot fee**.
3. Any patient, who has bought straws of sperm and no longer needs them, is entitled to a **50% refund of the fee per straw**. Please note that if the straws have been transferred to another centre these will be non-returnable and there will be no straw refund available.

## **Option 2. - Importing donor sperm from the European Sperm Bank (ESB)**

GCRM has been directing patients to the European Sperm Bank in Denmark ([www.europeanspermbank.com](http://www.europeanspermbank.com)) for some time and their service has proven to be informative, helpful and efficient. They have a selection of donor sperm available which is suitable for importation to GCRM. To comply with UK legislation these Danish donors need to complete all the same paperwork and have undergone all the same screening and quarantining procedures as a UK donor. Like UK donors, the ESB donors are also non-anonymous donors. They agree to their details being held centrally by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority and being made available to any offspring who may request them in the future.

To help patients in their selection of a donor, the ESB have set up a username/password which will provide our patients with free access to their extended donor information;

Username: GCRM

Password: GCRM

The ESB will also offer our patients 6 straws for the price of 5.

Once an ESB donor has been selected and straws purchased, the ESB will contact the GCRM to arrange the shipping of the straws. GCRM has had a number of patients purchase sperm in this manner and the process is very efficient and should cause no delay in your treatment.

Please note;

All costs incurred (including pregnancy slot, straws and shipping) are settled with the ESB directly. They also operate their own refund policy. Further details are available from the ESB.

GCRM accept no responsibility for any agreements entered into with the ESB.

GCRM is willing to accept sperm from any other clinic/ banks which comply with European Tissue banking regulations, and which is eligible for use in the UK. All costs and conditions are settled with the clinic involved and GCRM accepts no responsibility for any agreements entered into.

If you have any queries or would like further information about the sperm donor services GCRM offer, please email [Elaine.Grossart@gcrm.co.uk](mailto:Elaine.Grossart@gcrm.co.uk) or call 0141 891 8749