



Patient instructions for ordering Donor sperm for ART Procedures

Donor sperm can be used in the following centers:

- *Boston IVF, The Waltham Center*
- *Boston IVF, The Albany Center*
- *Boston IVF, The Maine Center*
- *Boston IVF, The Syracuse Center*
- *Boston IVF, The NH Center*
- *Boston IVF, The Providence Center*
- *Boston IVF at the Women's Hospital*
- *Boston IVF at Baystate Health*
- *Boston IVF the Rochester Center*
- *Wilmington Fertility Center*
- *Ohio Reproductive Medicine*

It is a requirement that all frozen specimens be present in your treatment center PRIOR to the initiation of your treatment cycle. It is recommended to begin the donor sperm selection and shipping as soon as possible. Failure to do so may result in delay or cancellation of the cycle.

- Any commercial donor sperm bank must have a CLIA certification and FDA registration.
- For patients of our New York Locations (The Albany Center ,The Syracuse Center and Rochester Center) you may only order from tissue banks that hold a New York State Tissue Bank License. ***This information will be available on the bank's website.***
- You may only order CMV+ donor sperm if the recipient is CMV+ or with the authorization of the MD. *If you are unsure of your CMV status, please check with your nursing team.*

Once you have chosen your donor, but BEFORE you place your order:

1. Contact your nurse and provide the genetic profile of your donor. This will be reviewed, and you may need to be tested for any genetic conditions your donor has tested positive for. Genetic reports can either be requested by contacting the sperm bank or may be available to print directly from sperm bank websites.

2. If you AND your partner are planning on using the same donor sperm, please notify your nurse. **Both of you will need to be screened for use.**
NOTE: New York patients may be required to provide a legal change in ownership for each sample shared. This form is required to track the source and use of each donor sample between the bank and our center.

3. Confirm with your MD team the center/address the sperm bank will send your shipment.

4. See chart below for recommendations regarding number of vials to order per procedure:
 Note: IUI= Intrauterine Insemination/Office insemination
 IVF= In Vitro Fertilization
 ICSI=IntraCyttoplasmic Sperm Injection

Planned Procedure	Vial Prep Type	Minimum # of Vials Recommended per Procedure
IUI	ICI/Unwashed	1
	IUI/washed	1
	ART/IVF/ICSI	Not Recommended
IVF	ICI/Unwashed	2
	IUI/washed	1
	IVF/ICSI	Not Recommended
ICSI	ICI/Unwashed	1
	IUI/washed	1
	ART/IVF/ICSI	1

5. The above number of vials will be thawed per procedure. Additional vial thawing may be required upon consultation. **We do not recommend ordering ART vials of sperm. They can be ordered only if the planned cycle is ICSI.**

6. Place an order with the bank. **Please order and ship your sperm in the primary recipient's name.** The bank will fax paperwork to your physician's office to confirm that you are a patient. Once this paperwork is received, signed, and faxed back to the bank, your order will be processed. See individual bank's processing requirements.

7. Delivery Schedule (early morning only):
 - Waltham, New Hampshire, Maine, Indiana, Baystate: Monday-Friday
 - Albany, Syracuse, Wilmington, Rochester: Monday-Thursday Only
 - No deliveries weekends or holidays

8. **Storage fees will apply.**
9. If you have any clinical questions while you are moving through the donor sperm selection process, call your office nurse.

Frequently used banks

The following is a list of commonly use sperm banks Boston IVF patients commonly use.

Disclaimer: Listed tissue banks are separate entities from Boston IVF. It is recommended that patients should take the time to inquire about the selected cryobank's process in donor screening for medical histories, genetics and infectious disease, as policies and procedures may vary and may not meet ASRM proposed guidelines.

- Seattle Sperm bank (800) 709-1223
www.seattlespermbank.com
- California Cryobank: (800) 231-3373
www.cryobank.com
- Fairfax cryo bank (800)-338-8407
www.fairfaxcryobank.com
- The Sperm Bank of California (510) 841-1858
www.thespermbankofca.org
- Xytex Corporation: (800) 277-3210
www.xytx.com

For those treating in Waltham Only:

Boston IVF Waltham and Seattle Sperm Bank have a collaboration that allows Boston IVF to store vials on-site from the Seattle Sperm Bank and to sell them directly to established patients for **use in Waltham ONLY**. This offers instant access to units, at a lower price and no shipping costs. Processing will still take time and should be completed prior to starting the treatment cycle. Nursing team can confirm when sample is available for your use.

Boston IVF patients access the Boston IVF/ Seattle Sperm Bank website through a link on the Boston IVF website or at <https://bostonivf.seattlespermbank.com>.

Any patient using the on-site sperm bank must have the procedure in **Waltham**.