

## ***If You are Considering Being an Egg Donor (#38)***

The following is a list of general questions if you are considering being an egg donor. Much more extensive, in-depth questions and information will be provided to you by the clinic if you decide to proceed.

Questions for egg donors to consider:

### **Medical Questions**

- Are you willing to share details about your medical history?
- Are you aware that if extra embryos are obtained by using your eggs the recipient couple may freeze the extra embryos to use at a later date? The couple may have to make decisions about the frozen embryos if they do not wish to use them. They could decide to destroy them, donate them to research or donate them to another couple.
- Are you willing to have a series of lab tests including HIV testing if required?
- Have you read about and understand the ovulation drugs and protocols used?
- Are you aware of the potential risk of ovarian hyperstimulation from the medication used?
- Will your insurance cover any medical complications resulting from controlled ovarian hyperstimulation?
- Do you understand the egg retrieval process?
- Are you aware that being an egg donor may take over 60 hours including screening, hormone stimulation, monitoring and egg retrieval?
- Are you willing to avoid getting pregnant and to stop contraception while you are in a donor program?
- If you have been adopted, a clinic may not accept you unless you have access to all your medical records as well as to your biological family's medical history.

### **Psychological Questions**

- How do you feel about passing your genetic material on to a child and not having a relationship with a potential child who has your genes?
- If in the future you have an infertility problem, how do you think you would feel about the decision to be an egg donor?
- Are you willing to take psychological tests?
- Are you considering donating your eggs to heal from a past loss such as an abortion?
- Are you comfortable giving detailed psycho-social history about you and your family including questions about substance abuse, sexual abuse, mental illness?

- ❑ Have you discussed egg donation with your partner or husband?
- ❑ If you are not married, but you marry in the future, will you be prepared to tell your husband that you were an egg donor?
- ❑ Have you discussed egg donation with your parents? If so, do they have issues about you passing on your genetic material to a child you will not raise?
- ❑ Will you tell your friends if you do become an egg donor?
- ❑ How much information would you be comfortable for the recipient and or child to know about you?
- ❑ How would you feel if the laws changed and the children had access to the donor's records?
- ❑ How much information would you like to know about the recipient?
- ❑ Would you want to know if the recipient got pregnant?

*Further information on this topic is available through RESOLVE fact sheets. For a publications order form, go online to [www.resolve.org](http://www.resolve.org). You can also contact RESOLVE Headquarters at 1760 Old Meadow Rd, Ste 500, McLean, VA 22102 or 703.556.7172.*

Copyright RESOLVE  
All Rights Reserved

Being an Egg Donor:QtoA  
10/12