



Your guide to Origin's Donor Sperm Service

Who are sperm donors?

Sperm donors are generally men who are in good health. They come from a broad cross section of society and falls within the age category of 18-45

Why would I choose to use donor sperm?

You could choose to use donor sperm if:

- *The male partner cannot produce sperm or produces sperm of a very poor quality*
- *You are a single female*
- *You are a same sex couple*

What happens if I choose to use donor sperm?

If you have decided to use donor sperm, the next step is to select the donor sperm with Origin's guidance.

The donor sperm is sourced by you with Origin's guidance. Origin currently has strong relationships with three donor sperm banks that have good availability:

- *Bridge in London*
- *Cryos*
- *European Sperm Bank.*

However, Origin cannot guarantee availability.

The amount of donor sperm you need depends on treatment offered and your personal situation. Origin staff will discuss this with you

You will be required to purchase the donor sperm yourself with Origin's guidance

How are donors assessed?

Donors are assessed by genetic screening and infectious disease including:

- *Hepatitis B +C*
- *HIV*
- *CMV*
- *Syphilis*

- *Gonorrhoea + Chlamydia*
- *Blood Typing*
- *Cystic Fibrosis*
- *Chromosomal analysis*
- *Disease screening depending on racial/ethnic Origin*

Origin will be able to advise you on donor assessments.

How much will it cost?

Costs vary from £150-£400 per straw/ampule. You are likely to need 6 ampules per treatment for In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) and 4 ampules per treatment for Intrauterine Insemination (IUI) unless otherwise advised by Origin.

What information is available about the donor?

Dependent on source but for example, male occupation, blood type, CMV status, eye colour, hair colour, physical build, education/occupation, interests, psychological profile and infectious screening results.

(All donors used in the UK must have consented to be identifiable offspring when they reach the age of 18 years – see HFEA documents for donor sperm)

Can Origin store my donor sperm until I am want to use it?

Yes, but there will be a fee for this after 2 years of storage

What happens to any donor sperm that is unused?

Any unused donor sperm will be stored until the expiry of the donor storage consent – this is normally 10 years. The remaining donor sperm cannot be returned or resold

What do I do if I want to come to Origin?

If you want to come to Origin, you will firstly need a referral letter from your GP. Once you have sent this to us an initial appointment can be arranged for you by the Origin administration team.

For further information on our donor sperm service or for more information on any of our other services, please contact Origin on 028 9076 1713 or email info@originfertilitycare.com.

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