



DONOR REGISTER

If you have donated sperm you may have helped complete somebody else's family. The Royal Hospital for Women has established a voluntary register for previous sperm donors and families who have used donor insemination. If you can help us to complete the details of our register, with non-identifying information, or you would like more information about the registry please contact :

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WHO CAN BECOME PART OF THE REGISTER?

Only if you donated sperm at the Royal Hospital for Women at Paddington (1978 – 1997) or Randwick (1997 – current) can you participate in the register. If you donated at another hospital please phone that particular hospital or clinic.

Offspring and recipient families who participated in the donor insemination program at the Royal Hospital for Women at Paddington (1978-1997) or Randwick (1997-current) can become part of the register also. If you were part of a program at another hospital, please contact that hospital directly.

WHY WAS THE REGISTER ESTABLISHED?

The RHW established the register to ensure that all possible information for donors, recipient families and offspring was kept up to date and collated in one comprehensive database.

When donor insemination programs began in Australia the information that was recorded was minimal. Today we are trying to gather as much detail as possible about the participants, for example knowing if the donor had a family history of breast cancer and other medical history information.

If you are a previous donor, recipient family or offspring we would value any additional information that you could provide.

IS THE INFORMATION CONFIDENTIAL?

Yes. All patient records are completely confidential. Under no circumstances can identifying information be given to any other party without the express written permission of the people involved. If you do contact the RHW to update your medical history, please be assured that the information will remain confidential.

CAN PARTICIPANTS OBTAIN INFORMATION FROM THE REGISTER?

Participants are able to obtain non-identifying information. For example the number of offspring resulting from donations, physical characteristics, age of other donor conceived half-siblings or any history of hereditary medical issues.

Exchange of information between people on the register can only be done with the consent from all parties and after appropriate counselling. However searches for past participants can take a lot of time and are not always successful.