
Information on Supplying Donor Sperm

We would be glad to help you realise your desire to have a child.
We work in collaboration with various fertility centres across Germany.

The function of the Berliner Samenbank GmbH (BSB) is to recruit suitable sperm donors to provide donations for fertility treatment.

Only about eight per cent of the men who apply to be sperm donors are admitted to our programme. Applicants are accepted on the basis of their particularly high quality sperm and donor profiles, and on condition that neither they nor their families have shown any incidence of metabolic or hereditary disease.

Regular testing of donors ensures that infections such as HIV (AIDS), hepatitis, chlamydia, syphilis and gonorrhoea (the clap) are screened out. Recipients can also specifically request that other molecular-genetic tests be carried out at their own cost. Every sample provided for fertility treatment is quality-controlled and free from infections with a quarantine period of at least six months.

We would be glad to prepare an individually selected list of donors for you, which we can send you either by email or post. For this we require the following details:

1. a completed form from page 3 of the Information Material document;
2. photographs of yourself, or photographs of people whose facial characteristics you would like us to use as a guide in selecting a donor (such as family members);
3. the CMV immune status (Immunoglobulin G (IgG) and Immunoglobulin M (IgM)) of the recipient, which she can provide by giving a sample of her blood at a fertility centre or a gynaecologist's or GP's surgery.

If you are a lesbian couple and your partner may later wish to have a child by the same donor, it is recommended that she have her own CMV status tested at the same time.

Your selected list of donors will contain details on each donor's blood group, eye and hair colour, height, weight and build, as well as his profession and interests. If you are a heterosexual couple, we will also compare any potential donor's physiognomy with that of your partner.

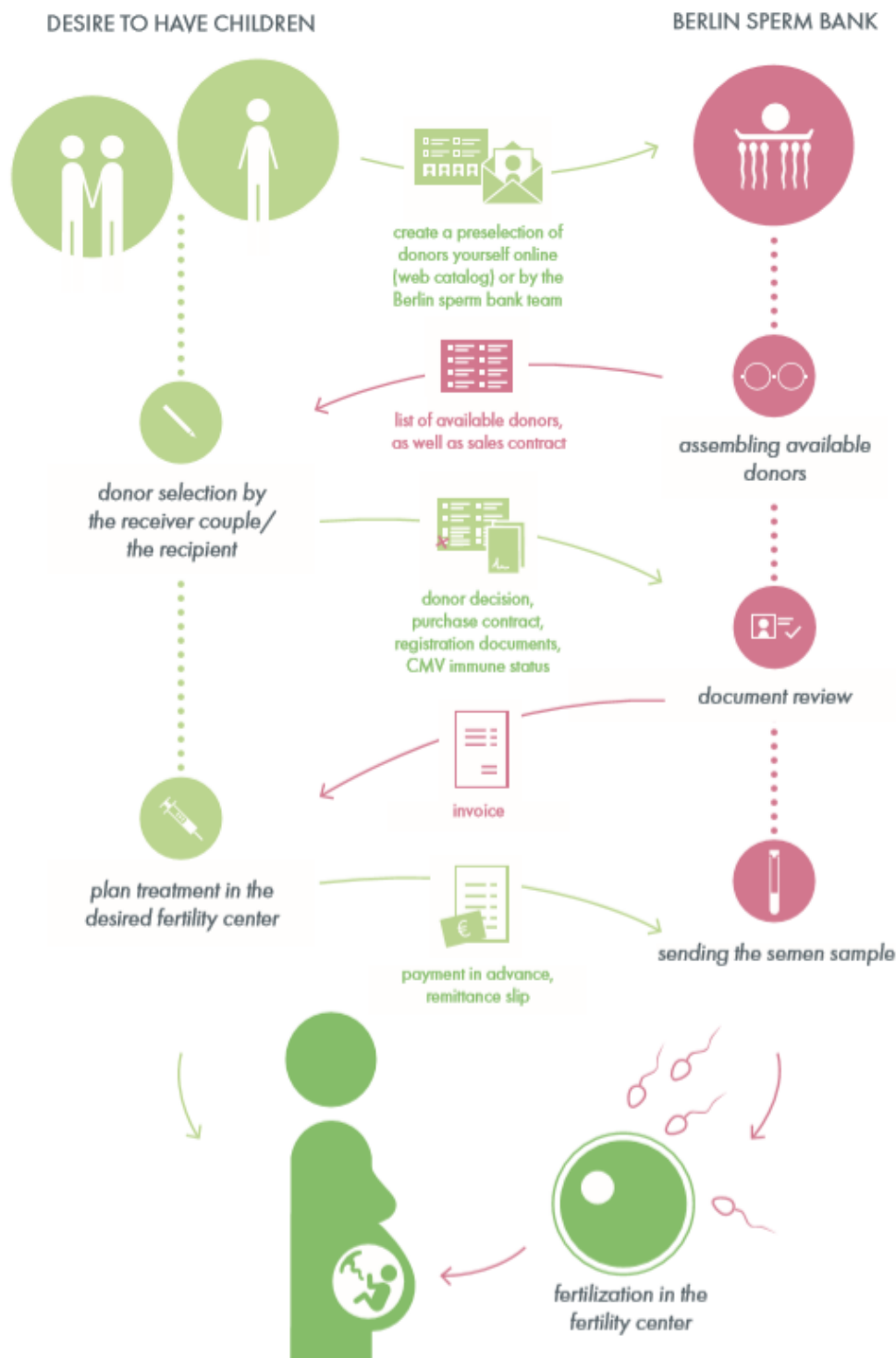
In some cases it may also be possible to view photographs of a donor as a baby or toddler by visiting the BSB. If you would like to have further information on a donor you are considering, we can also provide a copy of his own written self-assessment in return for a fee (see statement of costs).

Once you have decided upon a donor, please send the signed donor list back to us. You will then receive an invoice, which must be settled before the samples can be sent out. The shipment will be organised by the BSB in consultation with the fertility centre. Before the sperm samples can be sent to your fertility centre, we need to have received your signed sales contract. We will make a copy of this available to you. Sample recipients who are single must also submit a detailed certificate of registration (erweiterte Meldebescheinigung), which contains details of both your nationality and marital status, so we can check the latter. You can obtain a detailed certificate of registration from your local authority's registration office (Meldebehörde). Married couples or couples in civil partnerships are requested to submit a copy of their certificate of civil partnership or marriage instead of a certificate of registration.

Once the sales certificate has been received and the invoice has been settled, we can organise shipment of the required number of sperm samples. A sperm sample is the quantity of donor sperm needed for treatment by artificial insemination. The samples are deep frozen in a special container and sent directly to the licensed fertility centre that is carrying out the treatment.

Since you are statistically likely to need more than one cycle of treatment to become pregnant, it is recommended that you order samples for several. You may want to discuss how many samples to order with the physician carrying out the treatment. However, it is also possible to order only single samples.

The diagram below summarises the steps involved.



Fertility Centre Providing Treatment:

Attribute	Recipient	Partner (if applicable) / Preferred donor attribute
Last name, first name, date of birth		
Eye colour		
Hair colour		
Height		
Weight		
Ethnic origin*		
Profession*		
Hobbies / interests*		
Other*	You are welcome to add any other criteria that are important to you in selecting a donor; these can be included on a separate sheet.	

*Please only provide these attributes if you wish them to be included in the donor selection.

Address of recipient / couple:

Street and house number

Postal code and town

Telephone number(s)

Email address(es)

Recipient's current **CMV immune status (IgG+IgM)**

Copy of test results:

☐ enclosed

☐ will be sent later

Sales Contract:

☐ enclosed

☐ will be sent later

Copy of recipient's **marriage certificate / civil partnership certificate / detailed certificate of registration:**

☐ enclosed

☐ will be sent later

How did you find out about us?

How important are the following criteria to you in making your selection from the sperm bank?

(1=not important 10=very important)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Quality of sample										
Selection of individual donor										
Personal care										
Price comparison										

I / we hereby declare that the Berliner Samenbank may contact me / us with non-encrypted messages at the email address(s) I / we have provided, and that only I / we have access to these.

Place and time

Signature (recipient)

Signature of partner

We request that you only begin preparations for fertility treatment once you have received confirmation from us of the shipping date for your samples, or if the samples have already arrived at the fertility centre.

Before sending out the samples, we will invoice you for the following costs (prices include VAT (Mehrwertsteuer or MwSt)):

▪ Basic fee	2150.00 EUR
▪ Charge per sperm sample	250.00 EUR
▪ Shipping fee within Germany or Shipping fee within Berlin	250.00 EUR 150.00 EUR
▪ Detailed donor profile (self-assessment, etc.)	150.00 EUR
▪ Follow-up basic fee <i>this is charged if more than ten sperm samples are used, or if more than two years have passed since the first insemination, or if the patient is seeking treatment for a second child.</i>	1000.00 EUR
▪ To reserve five sperm samples for six months	300.00 EUR
▪ To provide a revised list of selected donors within one year	100.00 EUR

Please note that the fertility centre providing the treatment will also charge costs for artificial insemination, IVF or ICSI treatment, sonographs and medicine.

Should you fail to become pregnant following several treatments, you can if you wish choose a new donor from your selected donor list. Please note that the BSB GmbH cannot guarantee that samples from the same donor will be available for all inseminations.

The prices quoted may change as a result of changes in secondary costs (such as material and consumption costs).

In accordance with the Samenspenderegistergesetz (SaRegG), the donor's identity will be stored on a central registry at the Federal Institute for Pharmaceuticals and Medical Products (Bundesinstitut für Arzneimittel und Medizinprodukte; BfArM) for a period of 110 years, and will be made available to those with right of access to this information, namely donor children. All donor children will have the right to access this data from the DIMD once they reach the age of sixteen.

We would be glad to answer any questions you may have. You can contact us on 030 - 30 18 883 or at labor@bsb-kryo.de.