

Baystate Reproductive Medicine

Donor Sperm Policy

As its core mission, Baystate Reproductive Medicine strives to help individuals and couples achieve successful pregnancies and deliver healthy newborns. Some women may require donated sperm to achieve this goal. We support and provide services utilizing donor sperm, while adhering to national policies to reduce as much as possible the risk of disease transmission from donated sperm to our patients. Baystate Reproductive Medicine follows national guidelines put forth by the American Society for Reproductive Medicine¹. These guidelines require that sperm donors be tested for specific infectious diseases by a laboratory that is CLIA certified using FDA-approved tests within 7 days of sperm production. Specific testing includes: HIV-1, HIV-2, hepatitis C antibody, hepatitis B surface antigen, hepatitis B core antibody, serologic test for syphilis, HTLV-1, HTLV-2, CMV, Gonorrhea, and Chlamydia. Following sperm collection, we require that sperm samples must be quarantined for a minimum of 6 months, with the sperm donor retested at 6 months for the above infectious diseases before sperm can be released for use. Our policy applies to all donor sperm situations, including directed donors, anonymous donors, and sperm used for gestational carrier cycles. This policy is in compliance with the American Society for Reproductive Medicine Practice Committee Guidelines and FDA regulations^{1,2}.

¹2008 Guidelines for gamete and embryo donation: a Practice Committee Report. Practice Committee of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine, and the Practice Committee for the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology. Fertility and Sterility Volume 90, Suppl 3, November 2008.

²Guidance for Industry: Eligibility Determination for Donors of Human Cells, Tissues, and Cellular-Based Products (HCT/PS). U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration, Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research, August 2007.