

Steps to Receive Donor Eggs



Becoming a donor egg recipient involves several important steps which are in place to ensure your treatment is safe, coordinated, and aligned with your individual circumstances. The process can take time, so planning ahead is key.

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Book an appointment. Book an appointment with a City Fertility, Rainbow Fertility or Fertility Specialists of WA fertility specialist via our Fertility Advice Centre.

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Attend your appointment. Attend your initial appointment where your fertility specialist will discuss your goals, review your medical history, and confirm your personalised treatment pathway.

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Obtain your treatment plan. Your specialist will provide a personalised treatment plan tailored to your circumstances.

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Complete clinic registration. Your clinic's Patient Services Team will send a registration link to complete online. Please complete and submit your details online as soon as possible.

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Attend your counselling session. Australian law requires all donor egg recipients to complete two counselling sessions with an ANZICA-accredited counsellor. This will allow you to explore the implications of using donor eggs, including future considerations for you and your family.

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Complete your pathology screenings. Your fertility specialist will provide pathology forms for required screenings. Please complete these promptly and ensure results are uploaded to your patient file.

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Undertake Extended Carrier Screening (ECS). If you are selecting a donor with a positive carrier status, you will be required to complete ECS or genetic counselling, with results uploaded to your patient file.

If you choose not to complete ECS, you must confirm that an ECS waiver has been signed with your fertility specialist and uploaded to your patient file.

We strongly recommend patients complete either expanded carrier screening or genetic counselling to understand their selected donor's carrier status. This can be organised by your treating specialist.

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Complete your semen assessment (if partnered). If your partner is providing sperm, they will need to complete a semen analysis to assess quality and determine suitability for treatment.

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Confirm superannuation release (if applicable). If you are planning to use superannuation to pay for treatment, ensure your release has been approved before moving to requesting a donor.

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Select and request your donor. Once you are Donor Ready, submit an Eeve Donor Request Form to request to reserve your preferred donor.

Important timing note: You will need to confirm your donor eggs are located in your chosen clinic before Day 1 of your period. If your donor eggs are not in your clinic by this time, you will need to delay treatment until your next cycle.

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Commence treatment. Once all steps are complete and your donor eggs has arrived at your clinic, you can proceed with treatment.

Note: A deposit to your selected donor bank will be required to hold a donor whilst completing any Expanded Carrier Screening (ECS) or genetic counselling.

Tips When Reserving Donor Eggs

Make sure you are 'Donor Ready' before you submit a donor request

Before submitting your donor request, confirm with your nursing team that all Donor Ready steps have been completed. Submitting a donor request too early can result in delays or unsuccessful requests.

Allow time for additional steps

Genetic screening, counselling appointments, international shipping, or superannuation approval can add weeks to the process. In some cases, genetic compatibility results may require you to reselect a donor, which can extend timelines further.



Frequently Asked Questions

How long does the donor egg process take?

Most patients take around approximately 4 to 6 weeks to complete their Donor Ready steps with their fertility specialist and nursing team.

Once you have identified a donor, several additional steps may be required before your reservation can be confirmed. For international donor eggs, the overall timeframe from donor approval to eggs arriving at your clinic is typically 4 to 6 weeks, but in some cases may extend to 6 to 8 weeks or longer. This is due to multiple coordination and compliance steps required, including overseas approvals and shipping timelines, which are set by the international donor bank.

For local donor eggs, timelines are generally shorter and coordinated directly through City Fertility laboratory and transport teams. We typically recommend allowing approximately 3 weeks from donor approval to the arrival of the eggs at your clinic.

How many eggs/donors can I reserve?

You can reserve one group of eggs/oocytes (called a "cohort") from a single donor at a time. The number of eggs in each group can vary depending on the donor or package selected.

Who do I contact and when?

If you have questions at any stage, your fertility clinic remains your primary point of contact. They work closely with Eeve Donor Bank to coordinate your care and donor reservation.

For complex donor questions, please contact our EEVE team by emailing mydonor@eevedonorbank.com.au or by calling **1300 003 383**

WHAT	WHO	WHEN
Pricing	Clinic	Before reserving
Extended Carrier Screening	Fertility Specialist	Before reserving
Fertility Counselling	Nursing Team	Before reserving
Am I ready to reserve a donor?	Nursing Team	Before reserving
Questions regarding egg donors	Central Donor Team	Before reserving