

QUESTIONS TO ASK
**If You are Considering a Frozen Embryo Transfer
(Cryopreservation) Program (#26)**

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STORAGE ISSUES:

- ! What criteria does the clinic use for embryos that can be cryopreserved?
- ! Where are the embryos stored?
- ! What are the monthly/yearly fees?
- ! What is the clinic's policy for embryos that have been frozen longer than the clinic's stipulated guidelines?
- ! Can a couple request that their embryos be transferred to another clinic? What are the fees?
- ! How does the clinic handle embryos from couples who the clinic is unable to locate?
- ! What mechanism is in place for a couple who wants to donate their embryos to another couple or for research?

THE TRANSFER CYCLE:

- ! What drugs are used to prepare the woman's uterus prior to transfer?
- ! Is a "mock" cycle done before a frozen transfer to see how the uterus responds to the drugs used to prepare it?
- ! What is the minimal and maximum number of embryos usually transferred?
- ! Does the clinic do assisted hatching on frozen embryos?
- ! Will the clinic transfer thawed embryos that are very poor quality?

WRITTEN CONTRACT:

- ! Will you and your husband have to sign a consent form before each thawed transfer cycle. (This is to ensure that both partners still want this option.)
- ! Does the written contract clarify issues regarding ownership of the embryos in case of divorce or death?
- \$ Does the written contract have information regarding disposition of embryos if both partners die?