

Consent to donating your sperm (including for use in pronuclear transfer)



About this form

This form is produced by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA), the UK's independent regulator of fertility treatment and human embryo research. For more information about the HFEA, visit www.hfea.gov.uk.

Who should fill in this form?

Fill in this form if you are donating sperm for the treatment of persons **other** than yourself or your partner (by artificial insemination or IVF) or for training purposes (to allow healthcare professionals to learn about, and practice, the techniques involved in fertility treatment).

In some cases, the IVF process may also involve the use of a technique called pronuclear transfer (PNT) which can be used to allow women to avoid passing on an inheritable mitochondrial disease to her child.

If you are unable to complete this form because of physical illness, injury or disability you may ask someone else to complete and sign it for you in your presence and at your direction.

What is PNT?

PNT allows women who have mitochondrial gene abnormalities to create embryos containing their nuclear genetic material (the genes which make us who we are) and donated mitochondria.

There are two stages to the technique. A woman may need to use donor sperm for both stages of the technique (eg, if she does not have a partner who can provide sperm for her treatment), or may only need donor sperm for the second stage of PNT (eg, if the intended father is genetically related to the egg donor providing the normal mitochondria).

Stage one - your sperm will be used to create embryos with the intended mother's eggs. Both your and the intended mother's nuclear genetic material will be removed and transferred into embryos created in stage two below. Once your, and the intended mother's, nuclear genetic material is removed, the embryonic material created in stage one will be discarded.

If you donate sperm for this stage, you **will be** genetically related to the child. You will not have any financial or legal obligations to the child. Your identifying information will be passed on to any child born as a result of your donation upon request after they have reached 18 years old.

For more information, see www.hfea.gov.uk/donation/donors/donating-your-sperm.

Stage two – your sperm will be used to create embryos with donor eggs. The nuclear genetic material will be removed, discarded, and replaced with the nuclear genetic material from the intended mother and the sperm used to create the embryos. These new embryos will be used in the treatment of others (embryo transfer).

If you only donate sperm for this stage, you **will not** be genetically related to the child. No information that could identify you will be released to any child born following the mitochondrial donation treatment.

If your sperm is used for both stages of the PNT process you will be genetically related to the child in the same way as if your sperm is used for IVF.

If you're unsure of anything, please ask your clinic for more information.

Why do I have to fill in this form?

By law (the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (as amended)), you need to give your written consent if you want your sperm or embryos to be donated to another person for their treatment, for in vitro fertilisation (IVF) treatment) or your sperm or embryos used for training purposes.

You also need to give your written consent to allow your sperm or embryos to be stored. You must state in writing how long you consent to them remaining in storage.

- ▶ You can withdraw your consent to the use and storage of your sperm for non-PNT treatment at any point until the time that your sperm has been used for treatment or training, or your sperm has been disposed of.
- ▶ You can withdraw your consent to the use and storage of your embryos for non-PNT treatment at any point until embryo transfer, use of embryos in training or your embryos have been disposed of.
- ▶ You can make changes to or withdraw your consent to embryos created with your sperm in **stage one of PNT** at any point until the embryos have been transferred, used in training, or have been disposed of.
- ▶ If you donate sperm for **stage two of PNT** only, once your nuclear genetic material has been removed and replaced with that of the intended parents, they will determine what happens to them, including how long they will be stored for.
- ▶ For embryos created with your sperm in stage two, you can withdraw your consent at any point up until the nuclear genetic material has been removed from the embryos.

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What do I need to know before filling in this form?

If you are donating sperm or embryos for non-PNT treatment, then before you fill in this form, you should have registered as a donor and completed the **'Donor information form'**.

If you are donating sperm or embryos for PNT treatment, then before you fill in this form, you should have registered as a donor and completed the **'Donor information form'**.

If you are providing sperm for **both** stages of PNT and are going to be genetically related to the child, you should have registered as a donor and completed the **'Donor information form'**.

If you are providing sperm for **stage two only** and are not going to be genetically related to the child, then you should complete the **'Mitochondrial donation: PNT only sperm donor registration form'**.

You should also be certain that your clinic has given you all the relevant information you need to make fully informed decisions. This includes:

- ▶ information about:
 - the different options set out in this form,
 - the implications of giving your consent,
 - the consequences of withdrawing this consent, and
 - how you can make changes to, or withdraw your consent.
- ▶ a suitable opportunity to have proper counselling about the implications of donation and storage

If you are unsure, or think that you have not been given all of this information, please speak to your clinic. There is a declaration at the end of this form which you must sign to confirm you have received this information. **If you do not receive this information before filling in this form, your consent may be invalid.**

What uses (other than for someone else's treatment) are there for my sperm or embryos?

You can give your consent to your unused sperm or embryos being used and stored for training purposes. This means that sperm or embryos which are not used, or not suitable for use, can be either used immediately for training, or stored for potential future use in training, to allow designated healthcare professionals to learn about, and practice, the techniques involved in fertility treatment. You can do this at **section 4**.

You can give your consent to your unused sperm or embryos being used for research purposes, with the aim of helping to increase knowledge about diseases and serious illnesses and potentially develop new treatments. Research projects take place at HFEA licenced research facilities. Your clinic can give you more information about this.

What happens to my sperm or embryos if I die?

By consenting to donate your sperm or embryos, you are also agreeing to them being used and stored if you were to die or lose the ability to decide for yourself (become mentally incapacitated).

If you do **not** want your sperm or embryos to be used and stored for someone else's treatment if you were to die or become mentally incapacitated, you can state this as a restriction (at **section 2.6** of this form).

You may also state at **2.6** that you **only** want your sperm or embryos to be donated for someone else's treatment in the event of your death.

Please note that the clinic can only act on these wishes if they are informed about your death or mental incapacity. If you're unsure of anything in relation to this, please ask your clinic.

When filling in this form, make sure you sign the declaration on every page to confirm that you have read the page and fully agree with the information provided and the consent that you are giving. When you have completed the form you may request a copy of it from your clinic.

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1 About you

1.1 Your first name(s)

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1.2 Your surname

1.3 Your date of birth

1.4 Your NHS/CHI/HCN/passport number (please select)

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2 About your sperm donation

2.1 Do you consent to your sperm being used for the treatment of others, without the creation of embryos outside the body, ie, using artificial insemination?

Examples of artificial insemination include intrauterine insemination (IUI) or gamete intra-fallopian transfer (GIFT), a technique which a small number of clinics use.

Yes No

2.2 Do you consent to your sperm being used to create embryos outside the body (eg, through IVF treatment) and for these embryos to be used for someone else's treatment?

Yes No

PNT Stage One

2.3 Do you consent to your sperm being used to create embryos outside of the body (eg, through IVF or ICSI, then PNT) and for those embryos to be used for the treatment of others?

Do not complete this section if you are only providing sperm for stage two of PNT.

This process will involve:

- ▶ your sperm being used to create embryos with the intended mother's eggs outside the body,
- ▶ the embryos undergoing the PNT process (This means that both your and the intended mother's nuclear genetic material will be removed and inserted into the embryos created in stage two. Once the nuclear genetic material has been removed from the embryos, the embryonic material will be discarded) and
- ▶ the embryos (containing your and the intended mother's nuclear genetic material and donor mitochondria) to be used in the treatment of others (embryo transfer).

Yes No

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2 About your mitochondrial donation continued

PNT Stage Two

2.4 **Do you consent to your sperm being used to create embryos outside of the body with donor eggs and for those embryos to undergo the PNT process?**

This process will involve:

- ▶ your sperm being used to create embryos with donated eggs outside the body, and
- ▶ the embryos undergoing the PNT process (this means your and the egg donor's nuclear genetic material will be removed and discarded).

Yes No

2.5 **How many families may have children using your donated sperm?**

Do not complete this section if you are only providing sperm for stage two of PNT.

The maximum number is 10 families. This is to minimise the possibility of two children from the same donor having a relationship with each other without knowing they are genetically related. It is also based on the perceived interests of donor-conceived people and their parents in maintaining a relatively small number of siblings. Consenting to 10 families will help the greatest number of families and maximise the potential of your donation. You should think about how many families you are comfortable donating to and the long-term implications of donation.

families may have children using my donated sperm [please insert a figure up to 10]

2.6 **Would you like to apply any restrictions to your answers to 2.1, 2.2, 2.3 and 2.4 above?**

You may want to put restrictions on who your sperm or embryos are used by, eg., a specified named recipient.

Please use this section to confirm if you do not wish your sperm or embryos to be used for someone else's treatment after your death or if you become mentally incapacitated.

Please also use this section to confirm if you only want your sperm or embryos to be used for someone else's treatment in the event of your death.

Please note that you can only place restrictions on embryos that still contain your nuclear genetic material (ie, before they have undergone the PNT process).

Yes, specify your restrictions below No

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3 Storing sperm and embryos for someone else's treatment

In this section you must state if, and how long, you consent to your sperm or embryos being stored for use in someone else's treatment. The law permits the storage of sperm or embryos for use in someone else's treatment for any period up to 55 years from the date(s) that the sperm or embryos are first placed in storage.

You may want to think about how far in the future you want your stored sperm or embryos to be available for someone else's treatment. This has significant implications for you and any person born as a result of your donation, and your clinic should have given you information and an opportunity to discuss these implications with a counsellor before you complete this form.

You should be aware that embryos created with your sperm can only be stored if the egg provider or the person who has provided the female nuclear genetic material has also given consent.

Once your sperm or embryos have been allocated to someone else's treatment, the patient (together with the clinic) will determine how long the sperm and embryos are stored for within the boundaries of what you have consented to in this form.

If you are only providing sperm for stage two of the process, once your nuclear genetic material is removed, the intended mother and the person providing sperm for stage one of the process will determine how long the embryos will be stored for.

Please note that sperm donated for someone else's treatment needs to be stored before it is used.

3.1 Do you consent to your sperm being stored for someone else's treatment?

Yes

No

3.2 For how long do you consent to your sperm being stored for someone else's treatment?

Only complete this section if you answered yes to 3.1.

A specific period (up to a maximum of 55 years). Please specify the number of years:

55 years

3.3 Do you consent to embryos created with your sperm being stored for someone else's treatment?

Only complete this section if you answered yes to at least one of the following questions: 2.2, 2.3, 2.4.

You should be aware that embryos created with your sperm can only be stored if the egg provider or the person who has provided the female nuclear genetic material has also given consent.

Yes

No

3.4 For how long do you consent to your embryos being stored for someone else's treatment?

Only complete this section if you answered yes to 3.3.

A specific period (up to a maximum of 55 years). Please specify the number of years:

55 years

If your circumstances change after you have completed this form or if you wish to withdraw or change your consent, you will need to contact your clinic to complete further forms.

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4 Use and storage of sperm and embryos for training purposes

You can give your consent to your sperm or embryos being used and stored for training purposes. This means that sperm or embryos which are not used, or not suitable for use, can be either used immediately for training, or stored for potential future use in training, to allow designated healthcare professionals to learn about, and practice, the techniques involved in fertility treatment.

Sperm

4.1 Do you consent to your unused sperm being used for training purposes?

Yes No

If you give your consent to storing your sperm for training purposes, your clinic may store your sperm for these purposes for up to **55 years** from the date that your sperm is first placed in storage.

4.2 If you consent to your sperm being used for training purposes, how long do you consent to storage?

For 55 years, or

For a shorter period - specify the number of years (not exceeding 55 years):

Embryos

4.3 Do you consent to unused embryos created using your sperm being used for training purposes?

You should be aware that embryos created with your sperm can only be used if the egg provider or the person who has provided the female nuclear genetic material has also given consent.

Yes No

If you give your consent to storing your embryos for training purposes, your clinic may store your embryos for these purposes for a maximum of **10 years** from the date that you give consent on this form. This period cannot be extended.

4.4 If you consent to your embryos being used for training purposes, how long do you consent to storage?

For 10 years, or

For a shorter period - specify the number of years (not exceeding 10 years):

If your circumstances change after you have completed this form or if you wish to withdraw or change your consent, you will need to contact your clinic as soon as possible to complete further forms.

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Please sign and date the declaration

Your declaration

- ▶ I declare that I am the person named in section one of this form.
- ▶ I declare that:
 - before I completed this form, I was given information about the different options set out in this form, and I was given an opportunity to have counselling.
 - the implications of giving my consent, and the consequences of withdrawing this consent, have been fully explained to me.
 - I understand that I can make changes to, or withdraw, my consent to the use and storage of my sperm for the purposes I have indicated above at any point until the time that my sperm has been used for treatment or training, or my sperm has been disposed of.
 - I understand that I can make changes to, or withdraw, my consent to the use and storage of my embryos for the purposes I have indicated above at any point before embryo transfer, before removal of my genetic material, the use of embryos in training, or my embryos have been disposed of.
 - I understand that by signing this form, I have consented to the use of my sperm or embryos after my death or loss of mental capacity in accordance with the uses specified above, unless I have given a specific instruction to the contrary at **section 2.6**.
- ▶ I understand that I must notify my clinic if my contact details change. I understand it is my responsibility to keep contact details up to date.
- ▶ I declare that the information I have given on this form is correct and complete.
- ▶ I consent to the clinic (or any subsequent HFEA-licensed clinic that may become involved in my treatment, donation or storage, or a data controller in line with the Data Protection Act 2018 and UK General Data Protection Regulation) using the information on this form in the process of providing licensed activities (in accordance with the provisions of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990, (as amended)), or for record storage and archiving purposes.

Your signature

Date

If signing at the direction of the person consenting

If you have completed this form at the direction of the person consenting (because they are unable to sign for themselves due to physical illness, injury or disability), you must sign and date below. There must also be a witness confirming that the person consenting is present when you sign the form.

Representative's declaration

I declare that the person named in section one of this form is present at the time of signing this form and I am signing it in accordance with their direction.

Representative's name

Representative's signature

Relationship to the person consenting

Date

Witness's name

Witness's signature

Date