

Open/non-anonymous Scandinavian Donors

If you are considering using sperm from an “open/non-anonymous” donor, there are a few things you should carefully consider.

First of all, it is important to understand that the donor will never be your child’s father. At StorkKlinik, we avoid using the word “father” when we refer to a sperm donor – we always use the word “donor”. This is also true for open/non-anonymous donor situations. This donor is probably donor to many children, and he may also be a genuine father to a smaller number of children of his own.

Please take time to consider why you want to have an open donor. Try an exercise where you or a friend take your every response to the question and dig deeper and deeper. For example, if you say, “I think it is an important opportunity, and I don’t want my child to miss out,” then follow up by saying, “Why is that important? Why do I think that would be good for my child?” Here, you might answer, “Because my child might feel a need to know at some point.” Ask yourself, “Why? Why would this be good for my child?” Drill down until you know what you truly believe.

The more times you ask yourself “Why, exactly, do I want an open donor,” the closer you will come to what you really feel. This process is voluntary and entirely your own business – we won’t ask you about it. But we think it’s crucial that you know your own reasoning for this important choice.

As in so many other situations, it is important to control your expectations so neither you as a parent nor your child will be disappointed in the future.

If you choose an “open/non-anonymous” donor, you will receive information about him after your child is born. The information will include the following:

- When your child turns 18, he or she may contact the sperm bank to get more information about the donor. The registered information will include characteristics such as eye colour, hair colour, weight, height, education and profession, blood type, etc. Information about the donor and his family’s history of health is included as well.
 - If your child wants to contact his or her donor, the sperm bank will assist in making the contact. The sperm bank will not, however, be responsible for any consequences of this contact and it is important to emphasize that the donor in no way is expected to take on a fatherly role.
 - If the donor dies, the adult child can still get access to the registered information mentioned above, but the sperm bank will not assist in making contact to the deceased donor’s family.

- Data will be saved for 30 years under the rules of a EU directive and Danish law. If the sperm bank goes out of business, it is required to make sure that data is stored with another approved data collection centre.

In order for your future child to get access to the information about his or her open/non-anonymous donor after turning 18, you as the child's mother must send us some important information within two months of your child's birth. We will send you a letter around the time of your child's birth with a few questions about the birth, birth date and names and addresses that you should fill in and return to us.

When we receive this, StorkKlinik will send you the document your child will need in order to approach the sperm bank after he or she turns 18. The document includes the donor's donor number and a seal and signature from StorkKlinik.

About choosing a donor

If you like, you may choose the eye colour, hair colour and height of your sperm donor, and StorkKlinik will find a donor that matches best. Remember that all the donors are Scandinavian, and that your child will be more than a mix of your and the donor's looks. Genes have a way of skipping a generation or two.

You can also request a donor list with specific information about current donors' height, eye colour, and hair colour. Sometimes the donor's educational qualifications are included in the information as well. In our experience, however, we have found that many women feel it is unpleasant to be faced with this type of information. Think carefully about whether this would be right for you or not.

All donors are Scandinavian unless you specifically order sperm from a donor with a different ethnic background.

Please note: Open donor sperm can only be used for inseminations at StorkKlinik because of our responsibility to report back to the sperm bank. This means that you cannot take sperm home from a donor at StorkKlinik to inseminate yourself, as we need to be 100% certain which woman gets pregnant by which donor.

If you feel that you would like to proceed and reserve, order and purchase a number of portions of donor sperm from an "open" Scandinavian sperm donor, please read the following pages carefully to learn about our order and payment procedures.

Finally, we must emphasise that the sperm bank and StorkKlinik are two entirely separate companies, and that StorkKlinik can take no responsibility for the agreements or future commitments between donor children and the sperm bank.

StorkKlinik can also not be involved in or take any form of responsibility for future relationships or potential disagreements between parents, donor children, and the sperm bank and sperm donor.

Yours sincerely, StorkKlinik