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# IVF Considerations in Surrogacy & Egg Donation

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**What impacts success?  
What can I control?**

# About Us

30 Years

Over 7,000 Babies Born

By LAX Airport

Over 40 Countries

70% Egg Donation & Surrogacy



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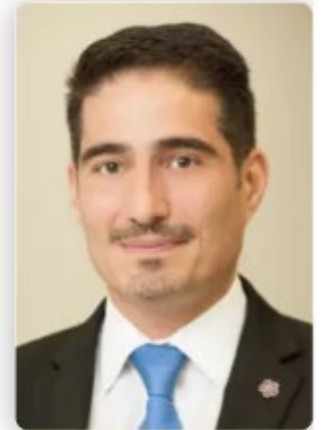
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# Four Ingredients

1. Egg
2. Sperm
3. Carrier
4. Doctor

...So what can you  
control for with each of  
these?

# Egg

- No one can make a bad egg into a good egg
- Your clinic can turn a good egg into a bad egg

## If you are using an egg donor....

- The younger the better. Between 19 - 29 years old is optimal
- Don't settle for anything less than exactly what you want
- Carrier screening is important

# Sperm

- Your clinic can provide some limited options here (ICSI, TESE)
- But no one can turn bad sperm into good sperm
- Check with a semen analysis to cross this off your list

# Surrogate

- This is your “oven”.

## Important Factors:

- condition of the uterus
- delivery history
- blood panels (anemia, hypertension, blood sugar, STIs, etc.)

# Surrogate

## If you are using a surrogate...

Rigorous screening provides more control

- emotional testing
- psych testing
- employment
- home situation, etc.

Listen to your doctor

Insurance policies can change every year



# Doctor

## Ovarian Stimulation

- how you get your eggs through a stimulation protocol and timing.
- Ask your clinic who does all the ultrasounds

## IVF Lab

- how your embryos are created and handled.

## Transfer

- when the embryo is transferred into the uterus.
- a very technical process done by your doctor.

# A Fifth Factor: Trust & Experience

## Availability

- Your team needs to be dedicated and available.
- You should have your doctor's and coordinator's mobile numbers.

## Experience

- A lot can and does happen. Your team needs to be able to handle all the bumps in the road.

# PGS: Pros and Cons

## Preimplantation Genetic Screening

.....Sometimes also referred to as “PGT -A”

### Pros:

- You know what you have, including quality and gender.
- Selection helps increase success rates.

### Cons:

- It's expensive. Typically \$4,000 - \$6,000.
- If done inexpertly, it can damage the embryo.

# Shipping Embryos from Australia

No issue, unless they were created specifically for surrogacy.

The USA Government requires that all embryos used for surrogacy must be created in an FDA- certified lab. FDA is the American “Food and Drug Administration”.

# Thank you

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