

Risks in Third party reproduction and how to manage them

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- Surrogacy is an amazing way to complete your family, but we need to know how to use this process in a way to have the best results with minimum risks
- Like any pregnancy, there will be risks, but with some awareness on your behalf, you can minimize these and enjoy a safe surrogacy journey

Possible risks:

- Multiple failed attempts
- Miscarriage
- Early births
- Legal issues and paperwork

Choosing an IVF program:

- Be realistic about results, consult your doctor about what program is best:
 - self-cycle or donor cycle
 - how many embryos, what day of embryo transfer, PGD etc.
- If in the past you didn't have many eggs, accumulate embryos in Australia rather than go abroad for IVF cycle
- Set a limit of attempts using your eggs

Choosing an IVF program:

- Choose a donor with a good AMH level or who donated in the past with good results
- Ask to know what egg donor and surrogate screening tests are done
- Add any tests you or your doctor thinks are relevant.

Choosing an IVF program and clinic:

- If using an egg donor, check if the provider is willing to give you a guarantee program, **till live birth.**
- Aim for a single embryo transfer
- if you want 2 kids, make sure your provider will give you a discount for a second program, instead of transferring 2 embryos at once

Choosing an IVF program and clinic:

- In Ukraine, reliable clinics are not required to do DNA test before receiving the birth certificate.
- Make your partner clinic is considered reliable by the government.
- Make sure your provider will be 100% transparent
 - allow you contact with your surrogate so you can be in touch throughout the pregnancy, if you wish

Pregnancy risks

- Avoid transferring 2 embryos to lower the chances of twin pregnancy
- Understand the risks of twin pregnancy and be ready for them like, don't look the other way
- Check with your provider what tests are done to confirm a healthy pregnancy
- Make sure you receive translated results of reports during the pregnancy

Birth Risks

- Make sure you are quoted fixed costs for the birth
- Choose a provider who offers some insurance to cover NICU charges
- Can you choose your delivery doctor/obstetrician, rather than whoever is on the shift, so you can check credentials in advance?

Avoid unnecessary delays returning home

- Make sure your agency will provide all necessary documents for your IMMI account within max. 5 working days.
- Make sure they have experience with Australians and know exit processes

To minimize risks choose a reliable provider

- Talk to parents who used them, ask how the provider manages crises
- Check how long the provider has been around
- How many parents have they helped in the past ?
- How familiar are they with the requirements for your country ?
- Make sure you can “pay as you go” and not all in advance
- Once you feel comfortable with your choice, allow them to manage your program