

Donor & Surrogacy Conference June 2023

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PLENARY ROOM		
9.25 am	Welcome	
9.35-9.50am	Local Egg Donor options Donor availability; How clinics screen donors; Carrier screening; Donor family limits; Donor characteristics, ethnicities and matching Sam Everingham	
9.50– 10.05am	International Donor Options Dr Uliana Dorofeyeva, Ovogene	
10.05 - 10.25am	Good ingredients – Making strong embryos Medical considerations & screening for egg and sperm providers. What can IVF specialists do to assess Sperm & egg quality prior to IVF? What impact does age have? What other factors affect sperm or egg quality? What can I do to improve quality? Carrier screening, Prof Peter Illingworth, IVF Australia	
10.25 – 10.55am	Donor Panel Australian egg donors discuss their motivations, relationships with recipients, counselling, experience with medications and much more Moderator: Mel Sharman Panelists: Teagan Couper; Jessica Kelchie; Amy White,	
10.55– 11.15am	Uterine Transplant – What Does the Future Hold? How long has the procedure been available globally? What are the risks and potential complications? How likely is a live birth after such surgery? What is the patient experience ? Moderator: Peter Illingworth Panelists: Dr Rebecca Deans, Royal Hospital for Women, Sydney, Prue Craven, transplant recipient	The Altruistic Headspace Provides a Step By Step guide to Australia’s friendship-based Surrogacy model Anna McKie, Surrogacy Australia
11.15am	MORNING TEA	
11.45– 12.00pm	Eggs to Embryos – Predicting Success Discusses embryo development, blastocysts, grading, Pre-Genetic-Aneuploidy Testing and how embryos are selected for transfer Jayne Mullen, Scientific Director, City Fertility	
12.00-12.15	Australian Surrogacy Agreements What should be included in these, what is their purpose, do they differ by state? Stephen Page	
12.15- 1.00pm	Who’d be a surrogate? In Australia some have done over a dozen transfers. Given the morning sickness, weight gain, fatigue & unending medical appointments, what motivates them to keep going? Australian surrogates discuss their motivations, decision-making, what they look for in recipients, relationships and hurdles Moderator: Rita Alesi Panelists: Beth Williams (VIC), Carmen Gatt (VIC), Anna McKie (SA), Mel Sharman (QLD)	

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1.00-2.00	Lunch
2.00 - 2.50pm	Parent Panel Parents discuss their journeys via Donor IVF or domestic Surrogacy Adam Zuchetti, Sam Reynolds, Fran Marques, Charlotte Coombes
2.50 – 3.05pm	Legal Parentage after Domestic Arrangements Timelines, costs, processes Sarah Bevan
3.05-3.30	Looking After Your surrogate, your Donor & Yourself Rita Alesi , infertility psychologist
3.30pm	Afternoon Tea & Networking
4.00– 4.40	The Impact on Families Children of surrogates discuss the impact on their lives of surrogacy, relationships with half-siblings and surro-siblings Moderator: Mariella Rossi Panelista: Nova, Millicent & Phoenix Miller, Emily Bridges
4.40 – 5.10	The Reality – Outcomes for Kids Young adults born via domestic ED or surrogacy discuss their lives, disclosure and their sense of self Moderator: Rita Alesi Panelists: Chad Robinson, Todd Robinson, Tamzin Mclean

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9.00 am	Registration
9.10 – 9.40 am	Considerations in Selecting a Country Where can I engage? What are the pros and cons of each destination? How do surrogate match times differ? What legal protections are offered? How do costs compare? Are there fixed cost programs available? How do hybrid programs work? Sam Everingham
9.40 – 9.55am	Important considerations in selecting a Surrogacy Agency & IVF Clinic big or small? Cost variability, past parents, staffing, support Megan Hall-Greenberg
9.55 - 10.15am	Medical Screening of International Donors & Surrogates - Why is medical screening so important? - What is best practice in regard to surrogate medical screening? - What are the typical issues that are red flags/ rule out a surrogate or donor? - Are 'mock' cycles recommended prior to surrogacy embryo transfers Dr Vuk Jovanovic (US), Dr Ashim Kumar (US)
10.15- 10.30am	Humour as a survival tool Comedian, cancer & endometriosis survivor and now surrogacy candidate Sarah Maree Cameron adds some light relief
10.30	MORNING TEA
11.00- 11.20am	IVF Experts – Ask me Anything Panel Moderator: Sam Everingham Dr Vuk Jovanovic (US), Dr Ashim Kumar (US) Dr Uliana Dorofeyeva, (Slovakia), Clifford Librach (Canada)

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11.20 – 11.50am	Surrogacy Experts – Ask Me Anything Panel Moderator: Naomi Seddon Monica Buehler (US), Shawna Johnson (US); Steven Swanepoel (Colombia, Mexico); Scott Swanberg (Canada); Tamari Kachlishvili; Nana Nadiradze (Georgia)		
11.50-12.05	Parental rights for Australians after OS Surrogacy What countries present a challenge; what issues do intended parents need to address? Stephen Page, Page Provan		
12.05 – 12.30	International Legal Experts Panel Surrogacy lawyers discussing the legal issues associated with surrogacy and egg donation in the US, Canada and Argentina. Contracts & Agreements; birth certificates; legal parentage; when and how parental transfer occurs, timelines Moderator: Sarah Bevan (Aust); Panelists: Dean Masserman (US); Alex McNab (Canada); Ester Nunez (Argentina)		
12.30– 1.10pm	International Parent Journeys Recent parents who engaged abroad discuss decision-making, surrogate relationships, disclosure to family, Differences in medication regimes cultural barriers; hurdles along the way, legal parentage, costs and a myriad of audience questions Moderator: Sam Everingham Andrew Boyd (US); Naomi Seddon (US) Kiril Seibert (Canada) Karen Robey (Georgia)		
1.10 -1.50	LUNCH		
1.50 - 2.20pm	Break Out 1 Surrogacy in USA Monica Buehler, Megan Hall-Greenberg, Shawna Johnson	Break Out 2 Surrogacy in Canada Alex McNab, Scott Swanberg, Samantha Esteves, Kiril Siebert	Break Out 3 Surrogacy in Georgia Nana & Lela Rowland
2.20 - 2.50pm	Break Out 4 Surrogacy in USA Monica Buehler, Megan Hall-Greenberg, Shawna Johnson	Break Out 5 Surrogacy in Argentina Tamari Kachlishvili, Ester Nunez, Dr Andrea Retamar	Break Out 6 Surrogacy in Mexico or Colombia Steven Swanepoel
2.50 - 3.10pm	Hostage Embryos & the Nanny State Why won't Australian clinics release patients embryos if they mention surrogacy? This area can be fraught with problems given recent changes to rules around embryo and sperm export. The session deals with the complexities Heather Anderson, Growing Families Rodney Oldham, PakAir		
3.10 - 3.25pm	Insurance for your surrogate & newborn Hanneke Naus, SurroPlans; Jason Smith, International Fertility Insurance		
3.25 - 3.50pm	Travel, Citizenship & Passport Processes for returning infants Sam Everingham, Craig Fyfe, Emma Solly		
3.50 – 4.20pm	The Reality – Outcomes for Kids Teenagers & young adults born via International surrogacy discuss their lives, disclosure and their sense of self Moderator; Mariela Rossi Panelists: Remy C-C; Ethan Chiang Cruise, Morgan Rennie, Gaia Elwell		