

# It Takes A Village

## Donor & Surrogacy

ANNUAL NATIONAL CONFERENCE



### SATURDAY 17 JUNE 2023

#### PLENARY ROOM

CHAIR: Heather Anderson

9.25-9.35am	<b>Moving Forward</b> <b>Martin Foley</b> , former Victorian Health Minister	
9.35 – 9.50am	<b>Local Egg Donor options</b> Donor availability; How clinics screen donors; Carrier screening; Donor family limits; Donor characteristics, ethnicities and matching <b>Sam Everingham</b>	
9.50 – 10.05am	<b>International Donor Options</b> <b>Dr Uliana Dorofeyeva</b> , Ovogene	
10.05 – 10.25am	<b>Good ingredients – Making strong embryos</b> 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, <b>Prof Peter Illingworth, IVF Australia</b>	
10.25 – 10.55am	<b>Donor Panel</b> Australian egg donors discuss their motivations, relationships with recipients, counselling, experience with medications and much more Moderator: <b>Mel Sharman</b> Panellists: <b>Teagan Couper; Jessica Kelchie; Amy White,</b>	
10.55 – 11.15am	<b>Uterine Transplant – What Does the Future Hold?</b> 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: <b>Peter Illingworth</b> Panellists: <b>Dr Rebecca Deans</b> , Royal Hospital for Women, Sydney, <b>Prue Craven</b> , transplant recipient	<b>The Altruistic Headspace</b> Provides a Step By Step guide to Australia's friendship-based Surrogacy model <b>Anna McKie</b> , Surrogacy Australia
11.15am	<b>MORNING TEA</b>	
CHAIR: Anna McKie		
11.45 – 12.00pm	<b>Eggs to Embryos – Predicting Success</b> Discusses embryo development, blastocysts, grading, Pre-Genetic-Aneuploidy Testing and how embryos are selected for transfer <b>Jayne Mullen</b> , Scientific Director, City Fertility	
12.00-12.15pm	<b>Australian Surrogacy Agreements</b> What should be included in these, what is their purpose, do they differ by state? <b>Stephen Page</b>	

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12.15- 1.00pm	<p><b>Who'd be a surrogate?</b> In Australia some have done over a dozen transfers. Given the morning sickness, weight gain, fatigue &amp; 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: <b>Rita Alesi</b> Panellists: <b>Beth Williams (VIC), Carmen Gatt (VIC), Anna McKie (SA), Mel Sharman (QLD)</b></p>
1.00 – 2.00pm	<b>LUNCH</b>
CHAIR: Tyson Culhane-Smith	
2.00 – 2.50pm	<p><b>Parent Panel</b> Parents discuss their journeys via Donor IVF or domestic Surrogacy Moderator: <b>Anna McKie</b> Panellists: <b>Adam Zuchetti, Sam Reynolds, Fran Marques, Charlotte Coombes, Daniel Culhane-Smith</b></p>
2.50 – 3.05pm	<p><b>Legal Parentage after Domestic Arrangements</b> Timelines, costs, processes <b>Sarah Bevan</b></p>
3.05 – 3.30pm	<p><b>Looking After Your surrogate, your Donor &amp; Yourself</b> <b>Rita Alesi</b>, infertility psychologist</p>
3.30pm	<b>AFTERNOON TEA &amp; NETWORKING</b>
CHAIR: Tyson Culhane-Smith	
4.00 – 4.40pm	<p><b>The Impact on Families</b> Children of surrogates &amp; donors discuss the impact on their lives of surrogacy, relationships with half-siblings and surro-siblings Moderator: <b>Mariella Rossi</b> Panellists: <b>Nova, Millicent &amp; Phoenix Miller, Emily &amp; Caity Holman</b></p>
4.40 – 5.10pm	<p><b>The Reality – Outcomes for Kids</b> Young adults born via domestic ED or surrogacy discuss their lives, disclosure and their sense of self Moderator: <b>Rita Alesi</b> Panellists: <b>Chad Robinson, Todd Robinson, Tamzin Mclean</b></p>
5.10 – 6.00pm	<b>Networking Drinks</b>
6.15pm – late	<b>Surrogacy Community dinner – The Grand Hotel, 333 Burnley St, Richmond</b>

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9.00 am	<b>REGISTRATION</b>
	CHAIR: Sam Everingham
9.10 – 9.40am	<p><b>Considerations in Selecting a Country</b>            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?  <b>Sam Everingham</b></p>
9.40 – 9.55am	<p><b>Important considerations in selecting a Surrogacy Agency &amp; IVF Clinic</b>            big or small? Cost variability, past parents, staffing, support  <b>Megan Hall-Greenberg</b></p>
9.55 – 10.15am	<p><b>Medical Screening of International Donors &amp; Surrogates</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Why is medical screening so important?</li> <li>- What is best practice in regard to surrogate medical screening?</li> <li>- What are the typical issues that are red flags/ rule out a surrogate or donor?</li> <li>- Are 'mock' cycles recommended prior to surrogacy embryo transfers</li> </ul> <p>Moderator: <b>Sam Everingham</b>            Panelists: <b>Dr Vuk Jovanovic (US), Dr Ashim Kumar (US)</b></p>
10.15 – 10.30am	<p><b>Humour as a survival tool</b>            Comedian, cancer &amp; endometriosis survivor and now surrogacy candidate  <b>Sarah Maree Cameron adds some light relief</b></p>
10.30am	<b>MORNING TEA</b>
	CHAIR: Naomi Seddon
11.00 – 11.20am	<p><b>IVF Experts – Ask me Anything Panel</b>            Moderator: <b>Sam Everingham</b>  <b>Dr Vuk Jovanovic (US), Dr Ashim Kumar (US) Dr Uliana Dorofeyeva, (Slovakia), Clifford Librach (Canada)</b></p>
11.20 – 11.50am	<p><b>Surrogacy Experts – Ask Me Anything Panel</b>            Moderator: <b>Naomi Seddon</b>  <b>Monica Buehler (US), Shawna Johnson (US); Steven Swanepoel (Colombia, Mexico); Scott Swanberg (Canada); Tamari Kachlishvili; Nana Nadiradze (Georgia)</b></p>
11.50 – 12.05pm	<p><b>Parental rights for Australians after OS Surrogacy</b>            What countries present a challenge; what issues do intended parents need to address?  <b>Stephen Page, Page Provan</b></p>
12.05 – 12.30pm	<p><b>International Legal Experts Panel</b>            Surrogacy lawyers discussing the legal issues associated with surrogacy and egg donation in the US, Canada and Argentina. Contracts &amp; Agreements; birth certificates; legal parentage; when and how parental transfer occurs, timelines            Moderator: <b>Sarah Bevan (Aust);</b>            Panelists: <b>Dean Masserman (US); Alex McNab (Canada); Ester Nunez (Argentina)</b></p>

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<p><b>12.30 – 1.10pm</b></p>	<p><b>International Parent Journeys</b> 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: <b>Sam Everingham</b> <b>Andrew Boyd (US); (US) Kiril Seibert (Canada) Karen Robey (Georgia) Daniel Ye, (US hybrid); Melissa Rogers (US)</b></p>		
<p><b>1.10 – 1.50pm LUNCH</b></p>			
<p><b>1.50 – 2.20pm</b></p>	<p><b>Break Out 1 Surrogacy in USA</b> Moderator: <b>Naomi Seddon</b> Monica Buehler, Megan Hall-Greenberg, Shawna Johnson; Christian Bair; Dean Masserman; Heather Morgan; Kendra Gonsalves; Jason Smith</p>	<p><b>Break Out 2 Surrogacy in Canada</b> Alex McNab, Scott Swanberg, Samantha Esteves, Kiril Siebert</p>	<p><b>Break Out 3 Surrogacy in Georgia</b> Nana &amp; Lela Rowland, Karen Robey</p>
<p><b>2.20 – 2.50pm</b></p>	<p><b>Break Out 4 Surrogacy in USA</b> Moderator: <b>Olivia Santa</b> Monica Buehler, Megan Hall-Greenberg, Shawna Johnson; Christian Bair; Dean Masserman; Heather Morgan; Kendra Gonsalves; Jason Smith</p>	<p><b>Break Out 5 Surrogacy in Argentina</b> Mariela Rossi Tamari Kachlishvili, Ester Nunez, Dr Andrea Retamar</p>	<p><b>Break Out 6 Surrogacy in Mexico or Colombia</b> Steven Swanepoel</p>
<p><b>CHAIR: Olivia Santa</b></p>			
<p><b>2.50 – 3.10pm</b></p>	<p><b>Hostage Embryos &amp; the Nanny State</b> 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 <b>Heather Anderson, Growing Families Rodney Oldham, PakAir</b></p>		
<p><b>3.10 – 3.25pm</b></p>	<p><b>Insurance for your surrogate &amp; newborn</b> <b>Hanneke Naus, SurroPlans; Jason Smith, International Fertility Insurance</b></p>		
<p><b>3.25 – 3.50pm</b></p>	<p><b>Travel, Citizenship &amp; Passport Processes for returning infants</b> <b>Sam Everingham, Craig Fyfe, Emma Solly</b></p>		
<p><b>3.50 – 4.20pm</b></p>	<p><b>The Reality – Outcomes for Kids</b> Teenagers &amp; young adults born via International surrogacy discuss their lives, disclosure and their sense of self Moderator; <b>Mariela Rossi</b> Panelists: <b>Remy C-C; Ethan Chiang Cruise, Morgan Rennie, Gaia &amp; Reuben Elwell</b></p>		