

SATURDAY 22 JUNE 2024

10.00am	Welcome by Sam Everingham, Growing Families	
10.05 - 10.20am	What to Consider in Choosing a Path What pathway is appropriate for my situation? Discusses vital issues in regard to success rates, timelines, availability, emotional, cultural and practical considerations Sam Everingham, Growing Families	
CHAIR: Trudy Bateman		
10.20 - 10.35am	Domestic Donor & Surrogacy Processes Provides a step-by-step overview of what is involved in domestic Donor IVF and surrogacy pathways Anna McKie, Surrogacy Australia	
10.30 - 10.55am	IVF for those new to the process 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 can I do to improve quality? Carrier screening, Discuss embryo development, blastocysts, grading, Pre-Genetic-Aneuploidy Testing and how embryos are selected for transfer. Dr Shadi Kashaba, IVF Australia	Determining when Donor Eggs &/or Surrogacy are indicated Many women go through years of unsuccessful IVF without their IVF doctor identifying the problem. Why does this happen? When should a woman be considering donor eggs? What tests can be done to assess viability? How old is too old to carry? Can stimulation be commenced in Australia and donor eggs be used offshore? Benefits of fresh vs frozen eggs? Dr Nick Lolatgis, Centre for Infertility Solutions, Melbourne
10.55 - 11.10am	What To look For in an IVF Clinic Knowing which IVF clinic is best for your needs can save years of heartache. Which have donors available? Which know how to work with surrogates? Which have easier paperwork requirements? How can I interpret success rates? Sam Everingham, Growing Families	
11.10 - 11.30am	Egg Donor Rules & Counselling in the Australian context What requirements need to be met in regard to counselling, family limits, motivation, post-birth contact? Can my friend or relative donate? Can overseas donors come to Australia to donate? What about importing eggs from international clinics? How does counselling operate then? Moderator: Rebecca Featherstone Ian Trevallion, Dr Shadi Kashaba, IVF Australia	
11.30am	MORNING TEA	
CHAIR: Anna McKie		
12.00 - 12.25pm	Donor & Donor Recipient Panel An Australian mum via Donor IVF & experienced egg donors discuss their motivations, relationships with recipients, counselling, experience with medications and what they went through. Includes Q&A Moderator: Ian Trevallion Panelists: Sheila (donor egg recipient), Amy, Kate	

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12.25 - 12.45pm	The Altruistic Headspace Provides a Step by Step guide to Australia's friendship-based Surrogacy model Anna McKie, Surrogacy Australia
12.45 - 1.05pm	Australian Surrogacy Laws & Parentage Orders What should be included in these, what is their purpose, do they differ by state? How does legal parentage work after Australian surrogacy? Can my surrogate be in a different state? Does she need to be an Australian citizen? Can we do the IVF part offshore? Sarah Bevan, Surrogacy Lawyer
1.05- 1.30pm	What Not to Put in an IP Profile What makes a good IP profile? What do surrogates want to know about? What is inappropriate? What elements stand out? New surrogates provide their feedback. Parents who developed successful approaches share these. Includes Audience Q&A Moderator: Katrina Hale Panelists: Felicity, Elisa & Annaliese
1.30pm	LUNCH
	CHAIR: Sarah Bevan
2.30 - 3.10pm	Parent Panel Parents discuss their journeys via Donor IVF or domestic surrogacy Moderator: Dr Alison O'Neill Panelists: Tim, Trudy, Adam, David
3.10 - 3.35pm	Counselling - Looking After All Parties Counselling requirements, what counselling involves and how to look after yourself whether you are a surrogate or intended parent Katrina Hale, Infertility Psychologist
3.35pm	AFTERNOON TEA & NETWORKING
	CHAIR: Heather Anderson
4.05 - 4.50pm	Surrogate & Surrogate Partners Panel Given the morning sickness, weight gain, fatigue & unending medical appointments, what motivates them? Australian surrogates discuss their motivations, decision-making, what they look for in recipients, relationships and hurdles. How do their partners support them? Moderator: Katrina Hale Panelists: Kate, Kelly, Anna, Annaliese, Jorge
4.50 - 5.10pm	Top Ten Challenges and How to Cope Post natal depression, Miscarriage, loss, communications breakdowns; interstate journeys Trudy Bateman, Sam Everingham
5.10 - 6.10pm	NETWORKING DRINKS
6.30pm	SURROGACY COMMUNITY DINNER (INDEPENDENT DINNER, NOT INCLUDED IN TICKET)

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9.30am	Welcome by Sam Everingham, Growing Families
9.35 - 10.00am	Considerations in Selecting a Country Where can I engage? Timeframe costs, Success rates. What are the pros and cons of each destination? How do timelines differ? Legal protections? How do costs compare? Are there fixed cost programs? How do surrogate relationships differ? What egg donors are available? Covers five jurisdictions Sam Everingham, Growing Families
10.00 - 10.10am	Considerations in Agency Selection The MFI scandal in Greece demonstrated the importance of not 'following the pack'. In certain nations, cultural norms make it difficult to recruit local surrogates. As a result, providers increasingly rely on 'travelling' surrogates from abroad. This comes with significant risks of exploitation. Lean what you need to do to avoid this Heather Anderson, Growing Families
CHAIR: Trudy Bateman	
10.10 - 10.40am	Important Considerations in selecting an IVF clinic What should international patients look for; Why is medical screening so important? What are the typical issues that are red flags/ rule out a surrogate or donor? What is genetic carrier screening and how popular is it? Do international clinics insist on PGT-A testing? How are success rates measured? Moderator: Sam Everingham Dr Vuk Jovanovic (USA), Dr Clifford Librach (Canada), Dr Kerry Mayrand (Canada)
10.40 - 11.10am	Cultural Differences in Surrogacy Processes How does surrogacy practice differ in English speaking countries vs non English speaking countries in regard to surrogate screening, care, reimbursement and contact pre & post birth? How do hybrid programs work? Moderator: Sam Everingham Panelists: Nir Keren (Canada, Argentina), Sophie Ukleba (Georgia, Mexico), Steven Swanepoel (US, Colombia)
11.10am	MORNING TEA
CHAIR: Heather Anderson	
11.40 - 12.25pm	International Parent Journeys Recent parents 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 Panelists: Cameron (Canada), Nathan (Colombia), Komathy (USA), Emma (Georgia)
12.25 - 12.50pm	The Reality - Outcomes for Kids Teenagers born via international surrogacy discuss their lives, disclosure and their sense of self Moderator: Jasmine Hlongwane, Centre for Infertility Solutions Melbourne Panellists: Ruby, Will & Lexi

12.50 - 1.10pm	Ask Me Anything - Break Out 1 Surrogacy in USA Yang Jiao, Carolyn Meyer, Trudy Bateman, Scott O'Halloran, Steven Swanepoel, Damien Chambers (NewGen)	Ask Me Anything - Break Out 2 Surrogacy in Georgia Sophie Ukleba, Liz Tripodi
1.10 - 1.30pm	Ask Me Anything - Break Out 1 Surrogacy in Canada Cindy Wasser, Nir Keren, Cameron Green	Ask Me Anything - Break Out 2 Surrogacy in Colombia or Mexico Steven Swanepoel, Sophie Ukleba
1.30pm	LUNCH	
CHAIR: Michael Yu		
2.10 - 2.30pm	Surrogacy in Argentina What has changed? Are there hybrid programs? What requirements are there in relation to informed consents & birth certificates? What are the authorities' attitudes to surrogacy? What delays are possible? Audience Q&A Moderator: Heather Anderson Panelists: Nir Keren, Sam Everingham	
2.30 - 2.50pm	International Surrogate Panel Surrogates discuss their motivations, expectations, journeys and contact with IPs and children Moderator: Steven Swanepoel Panelists: Andrea (Canada), Natia (Georgia), Melissa (USA)	Citizenship & Passports Support What are the processes in acquiring travel documents. Is DNA testing still required? How do timelines differ? What are the typical hold-ups? How can a migration agent assist? Roman Deauna, Far & Wide Migration
2.50 - 3.05pm	Embryo & Sperm Shipping What are the dos and don'ts. Timelines, hand carry vs freight, paperwork, possible hurdles and how to address them Heather Anderson, Growing Families & David Webber, PakAir	
3.05 - 3.25pm	Legal Processes for Australians after Overseas Surrogacy What countries present a challenge; what issues do intended parents need to address? Sarah Bevan, Surrogacy & Family Lawyer	
3.25 - 3.45pm	US Surrogacy - Surviving the Process This hilarious gay dad and podcaster will detail his six year rollercoaster ride which culminated in the birth of twins 'Sassy' Scott O'Halloran	Navigating childbirth in a warzone One couple's gripping account of why they chose Ukraine, extracting their surrogate from Kharkiv and their attempts to reach their newborn Chris Crammond
3.45 - 4.05pm	Concierge Support to Smooth Your Journey Sam Everingham & Anita Fiorenza, Growing Families	
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