

2002 Guidelines for gamete and embryo donation: a practice committee report

Guidelines and minimum standards

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The 2002 *Guidelines for Gamete and Embryo Donation* provide the latest recommendations for evaluation of potential sperm, oocyte, and embryo donors, incorporating recent information about optimal screening and testing for sexually transmitted infections (STIs), genetic diseases, and psychological assessments. The current document represents an effort to make the screening guidelines for embryos and gametes more consistent and incorporates recent information from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and American Association for Tissue Banks (AATB). The risk of STIs does differ for sperm, oocytes, and embryos, and leukocyte-rich semen donation poses unique risks, which are reflected in the recommendations. These guidelines use terminology from the federal

agencies in addition to the AATB. In that context, the term “screening” refers to specific historical factors that place an individual at high risk for a given disease such as human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), and transmissible spongiform encephalopathy (TSE), or Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD). “Testing” refers to specific laboratory studies such as serologic tests. This distinction between screening and testing is consistently made within the document. The guidelines for the testing and screening for gamete and embryo donors are intended for potential donors in the United States. Prevalence of STIs and genetic diseases may vary in other locales and these guidelines may not be appropriate for other countries or individuals who come to the United States from other countries.

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