LETTER FROM MEDICAL DIRECTOR

Dear Colleague:

I would like to make you aware of an issue faced by medical practices providing artificial insemination and other reproductive services. An increasing number of patients expect use of donor semen to be risk-free, especially in regards to transmissible diseases, both infectious and genetic. Patients must understand that the risk of infection and transmission of genetic disease cannot be eliminated, only diminished, by donor screening procedures. Xytex Cryo International, licensed by New York State as a sperm bank and registered with the Food and Drug Administration, is in full compliance with stringent screening procedures.

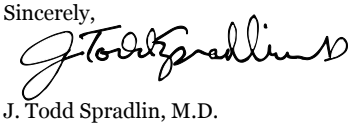
American Society of Reproductive Medicine's (ASRM) 2012 Guidelines also include recommendations for recipient screening, including chlamydia, gonorrhea, HIV, syphilis, hepatitis B and C, HTLV, and CMV. ASRM also recommends psychological counseling for recipients of donor gametes. American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG) recommends that cystic fibrosis (CF) carrier screening be offered to all women of reproductive age.

It is essential that physicians providing assisted reproduction services personally discuss with their patients the risks of using donor semen and document this counseling. We fully honor your commitment to maintain in each patient's chart a signed informed consent (Consent to Assisted Reproductive Technologies) provided by Xytex with each semen shipment.

This letter requests nothing more of you, only to alert you to the expectations held by some patients and the recommendations of ASRM and ACOG. I believe that your involvement in presenting this information to your patients will help ensure effective communication and education regarding the use of donor semen.

As always, I appreciate the opportunity to work with you and your patients.

Sincerely,



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