

## Manhattan Cryobank

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Private Email

"My child was diagnosed with Thalassemia. It's a kind of thalassemia that has to come from both mother and father. Manhattan Cryobank says on their website that they test all their donors for Thalassemia. I notified them and they basically said "Sorry. We tested again, and yep, the donor has it." I was wondering if anyone has come to you with a similar issue from this bank. Are they not doing the testing they say they're doing? Or doing the testing poorly? Just this one blood disease has the potential to seriously hurt people."

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Private Email- Questions asked to Manhattan Cryobank

Thank you for contacting Manhattan Cryobank. I am happy to answer your questions.

1. The 3 month subscription gives you access to the extended donor profile, an audio interview, and childhood photos.
  2. We offer both short term and long term storage options. You can store for 1 month all the way up to 10 years. You can renew storage at any time.
  3. Unfortunately, we do not have information on the distance between children conceived from the same donor. We do, however, keep a self-reported pregnancy log and will be able to provide you with some information from that upon request.
  4. We limit each donor to 25 families. Children conceived from the same donor and mother count as 1 family.
  5. The most reported pregnancies from the same donor is 10 pregnancies.
  6. We do ship sperm internationally, however, we do not ship to the UK because our sperm donors are not HFEA compliant.
  7. Our active donors come to the office for blood work updates at 6 month intervals. We do not preserve donor sperm if it does not meet our standardized requirements set forth by the FDA and NYS DOH.
  8. We don't necessarily recommend or discourage the use of the Donor Sibling Registry however, children conceived from ID Disclosure donors have access to the donor's last known contact information and may use this information when accessing the Donor Sibling Registry.
  9. **An ID Disclosure Donor is a sperm donor who has consented to having his identity released to children conceived of his specimens when they reach the age of 21.** This donor's identity can only be released to the child upon request. The child must provide proof of ID and a birth certificate to receive contact information. Outreach to the donor, at that point, is left up to the child.
  10. Formal letters will be sent out to both clients and clinics if a child conceived from a sperm donor from our bank was born with medical/genetic issues. We will likely email the clients as well.
- If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via email or phone at [\(212\) 396-2796](tel:2123962796).

Kind regards,

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