I have been reading about Cryos, the danish sperm bank, and on their web site it stands "in 2003 the branch in Seattle, Scandinavian Cryobank was shut down after the managing director Peter Bower, Ph.d was trapped in serious fraud. The branch was reopened in New York later the same year."

... [In response:] It appears as if Peter Bower is now the head of Nordic Cryobank aka European Sperm Bank, which seems to be a different bank than Cryos International. It would appear that Cryos wants the world to know that he did not leave them on the best of terms, one might say.

**Swedish women warned over Danish sperm**

So far at least nine children that have been conceived with the help of the man's sperm developed genetically inherited disorder Neurofibromatosis (NF1 or von Recklinghausen disease).

"We have delivered this man's sperm to 10-15 Danish clinics, but to what extent they have used it I have no idea," Bower said to TT.

**Nine children conceived with donated sperm found to have a neurological disease**

At least nine children who were conceived with a donator's sperm have developed genetically inherited disorder Neurofibromatosis type I (NF1, formerly known as von Recklinghausen disease).

The man donated semen to the Danish sperm bank Nordic Cryobank during the period from 2004 to 2006. This particular donor's sperm has not been used in Finland.

Neither the donor nor the sperm bank was aware that the man carried the rare and potentially dangerous disease, which can cause serious disabilities.

**US BAN ON EUROPEAN SPERM**

Health officials in the US have placed a ban on imports of sperm from European men to protect Americans from the human form of mad cow disease. Stores of European sperm are now running out, causing problems for women wishing to use them.

Before the ban, the use of sperm from Nordic donors in particular had grown in popularity. Companies such as California Cryobank in Los Angeles and Cryos International in New York City imported sperm from Denmark for which there was a huge demand, largely due to the donors' blue eyes, blond hair, and their tendency to be tall and well educated.

Since the ban, put in place in May 2005 by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), sperm banks are no longer allowed to import sperm from Europe for fear it might spread the fatal and incurable human form of mad cow disease, Creutzfeldt-Jaokb disease (CJD). The ban was one of a number of restrictions the US government put in place after the spread of mad cow disease in Europe in the late 1990s. Other measures included banning people who lived in the UK for more than three months between 1980 and 1996 from giving blood. The disease, in rare cases, is spread from cow to human by eating meat from infected animals, and has also been known to spread from using contaminated surgical equipment and transplanted tissue, such as corneas. There are, however, no known cases of infection from sperm and scientists say that, although it is
theoretically possible, the risk is insignificant. Soon, the last few vials of European sperm imported before the embargo will be gone. Many women, who used this sperm before and now wish to have another baby using the same donor, are having to pay thousands of pounds to travel to Europe for insemination. Other women are travelling to Canada or Mexico, or even haggling with other women who have leftover vials. In response to the uproar, Nordic Cryobank has filed a petition asking the FDA to lift the restrictions.

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NordicCryoBank/European Sperm Bank bought out a little spermbank in Aarhus, Denmark called Alpha Bio Bank, sometime in 2005. Northwest Andrology and Cryobank in the U.S. bought inventory from ESB and sells it in the U.S. under the same donor number. These are N### and N#### for sure.

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A member recently wrote to ask about Fairfax Cryobank and which other clinics they have bought up or sold sperm for. Here is the information that we’ve collected about who shares/sells/buys sperm: *Nordic Cryobank/European Sperm bank has numbers in the 7000's that are also listed under CCB.

11/15/07  http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/9222

Re: New File Uploaded for European Sperm Bank Donors AND take an extra look if you have used donor; ####, ####, ####, #### because at CCB’s website it says that babyphotos are not available BUT at EuropeanSpermBanks website it is.

11/7/07  http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DSR_Discussion/message/4202

Did you use an anonymous donor from the European Sperm Bank (also known as the Nordic cryo bank, some of the donors are used at the California Cryo Bank)? I myself got an audio interview - directed to the American customers (I’m from Sweden)- where my daughters donor said that he might be open to future contact. He’s an anonymous donor. And the audio interview is apparently for an American customer. Not for me. What should I do when my daughter asks for more information about the donor? And what about the answer from the cryo bank?

10/30/07  http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/9167

If you are a California Cryobank user with a donor number listed below, please cross check the ESB listing as it appears that the two banks have shared donors. On this home page, click on "Files". Here are some of the donor numbers that would be listed at both banks. (CCB listings are by number, ESB listings are given names.) You might want to post under both sperm banks over on the actual DSR.

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