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There is only one entry for Dr. Heywood on the DSR. Drs. Heywood and Hebertson practiced together and used the same donor group at LDS Hospital in Salt Lake. I was a member of their donor group from about 1977 to maybe 1981 or so.

I don't know how familiar the doctors really were with their donor group. Here are two reasons why. First, I am fairly certain that both doctors told their patients that all their donors were medical students. But that was clearly incorrect because I wasn't a medical student. I have recently met another one of my daughters who has been poring over medical student information trying to find her father because of what her mother was told. Second, one of the doctors told me that he didn't believe in playing god, he had his donors come in in rotation, and he made no attempt to match donor looks with husband looks. I mentioned this to one of the nurses, and she just laughed, she said that that may be what the doctor thought, but *she* was in charge of calling donors, and she always had her patients bring their husbands in so she could match as closely as possible from the donor group. So apparently the doctor had no idea this was going on, and would have likely had no idea which donor was coming in for which woman, so any information he gave was useless. Nor (I believe) did the women get to choose their donor like most sperm banks allow. There were no donor numbers ever used that I am aware of, and all their records are destroyed now anyway.

So if you are a donor child and your mother went to either Dr. Heywood or Dr. Hebertson, the information your mother got from the doctor about your donor is possibly unreliable. Good luck finding your donor, it is just an amazing fluke that my new daughter found me.

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I'm sharing this information with you in case it helps in any way. I'm not even sure if it's even relevant, but anyway, here it is:

I know someone who bragged to me that he put himself through law school at the University of Utah (1986-1988) by donating sperm. He told me that mormon sperm was in huge demand, partially because mormons can trace their lineage back for generations. He's mormon all the way back to the original polygamists, (Bishop Lorenzo Snow) and according to him, the people running the sperm donor program thought this was great. They encouraged him to donate as frequently as he could, and it was his impression that most of his "product" was frozen, but occasionally they would call him up and ask him to come in for a "fresh one" which meant that the woman would be coming to the clinic. Sometimes he caught a glimpse of the woman, he claims.

According to him, there wasn't any policy limiting his donations, and except for a few comments like, "You've got lots of kids!" no one seemed very concerned about the possibility of accidental future consanguinity.

<http://denver.cbslocal.com/2014/10/31/denver-attorney-polygamy-sexual-exploitation-lawsuit/>

His father is Lynn Fife of Vermont, and he has seven siblings including a brother John Fife in Chicago. There is a strong family resemblance, and whatever children he fathered as a donor will likely share this resemblance. This is a picture of John Fife which shows the "teeth thing" the whole family shares.

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<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/11216>

The Director from GIVF Cryobanks (Fairfax Cryobank and Cryogenic Laboratories, Inc.) has different information than we show on our clinic list (which was compiled from former clients). It's easy to see why there is so much confusion!

I have agreed to post his information, as follows:

1. The Genetics & IVF Institute's (GIVF) main office is in Fairfax, VA. GIVF no longer has offices in Ashburn, VA and Gaithersburg, MD., where clients seeking infertility treatment were seen. GIVF is made up of Divisions, that specialize in infertility, genetics, sperm sorting, cryobanking, infectious disease testing, and pre-implantation genetic testing. Certain divisions have locations in various states (TX, CA, MN, PA) and internationally (China and Mexico) however not all divisions and services are represented in those locations. Please refer to our web site for additional information regarding our products and services: www.givf.com
2. CLI is not able to confirm the statement that the same donor had previously donated at Zygen Laboratories and California Cryobank. However, if the donor number from the CLI donor in question is forwarded to CLI management they will follow up with the donor.
3. CLI has NEVER changed any donor numbers. It cannot be done. Donor numbers are written on the vials that contain the semen. Once frozen, the numbers cannot be changed without thawing the vials and then refreezing them. Such a process would render the semen unacceptable for distribution. CLI is also AATB accredited and this practice would be in direct violation of the AATB standards which require that a unique identifier be assigned to each donor.
4. CLI was acquired by GIVF from John Olson in 2002. The 2000 numbers were from donors that were recruited following the acquisition and were not from other banks. Some donors with pregnancies listed are b/c they have children of their own and have created pregnancies as their samples were used.
5. CLI, IC and Follas have NEVER used ReproTech Ltd. as a freezing facility. In fact, ReproTech Ltd. an independently owned company does not operate a freezing facility they are a storage facility only.
6. ReproTech Ltd. was located in the same building as CLI in Roseville, MN until 2007. In 2007, they moved to a new location in Minneapolis/St. Paul.
7. CLI and ReproMed Ltd. were both started by John Olson. CLI donors and ReproMed donors were shared with distribution in the US and Canada. The first ReproMed donor was donor #3000. The CLI affiliation with ReproMed Ltd. was discontinued in 1999. ReproMed Ltd. is currently independently owned and operated. There are currently no shared donors between CLI and ReproMed Ltd. ReproMed and CLI have one donor (# 3040) in common on both catalogs currently. All other donors that CLI and ReproMed had in common are sold with ReproMed.
8. CLI has and continues to distribute semen produced by some of the following banks. Supplies of these donors are limited and once they are gone, there will be no additional units available from CLI. Clients interested in future specimens on these donors will have to contact the original bank to check availability. InternationalCryogenics, Inc. (ICI), Follas Laboratories, and Park Avenue Fertility (PAF), Reproductive Resources, University of Nebraska (currently out of business), Washington Fertility Study Center (currently out of business). (NOTE: The sperm banking division of Follas Laboratories was sold to General BioTechnology LLC and is currently doing business as Genome Resources). Donors from the other banks, were/are distributed with the same donor number as the originating bank. The CLI profiles on the donors were created with information supplied by the originating banks.
9. CLI has NEVER had any donors listed on the Biogenetics donor catalogue.
10. CLI has NEVER distributed California Cryobank (CCB) donors and likewise CCB has not distributed CLI donors.
11. Fairfax Cryobank DID NOT purchase Follas Laboratories or any other bank (see above). GIVF of which Fairfax Cryobank is a division, owns CLI. GIVF has not purchased any other cryobanks.
12. Each cryobank has its own donor numbering system. Therefore, several banks can have the same donor number on a past or current catalogue, however, they are not the same person.
13. Can Am Cryoservices, Inc. in Hamilton, ON distributes donor semen throughout Canada produced by Fairfax Cryobank and Cryogenic Laboratories, Inc. The samples are produced in the US and imported into Canada. All donors and their samples must meet strict Health Canada regulations regarding screening and infectious disease testing. Some donors are distributed both in the US and Canada at the same time. They would have the same donor number in both the US and Canada.
14. GIVF egg donor program is separate from Fairfax Cryobank sperm donor program. In addition, Fairfax Cryobank sperm donor program is separate from the CLI sperm donor program. Likewise, egg donor screening is different than sperm donor screening. All three programs are FDA registered and FDA inspected.
15. CLI NEVER had an affiliation with the University of Utah for donor sperm.

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<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/10954>

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:
-University of Utah had some sort of agreement with CLI and/or Center for Reproductive Medicine of MN, according to someone who used them (they told her that it was CLI sperm she was getting). Numbers less than 1000 are University of Utah.

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<http://health.groups.yahoo.com/group/DonorSiblingRegistry/message/6761>

For years we thought the only info about our donor we could get was what was given 16 years ago...A few small sentences...Just recently we contacted the University of Utah andrology Dept. and they sent us the long history form the donor filled out. We were happy to see it had been updated only 8 years ago...There was no identifying info, but it was 8 pages long and so much more then we got way back then...I wanted to remind new people to call and see if anymore info is available...