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**Transfer Agreement for Receipt and Storage of Semen, Oocytes, or Tissue**

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This agreement is made and entered into by and between Fairfax Cryobank, Inc. (hereafter referred to as Cryobank) and \_\_\_\_\_, an individual (hereafter referred to as Client), for the purpose of receiving and storing the Client's specimen.

WHEREAS, the Client has specimens (**circle one: semen            testicular tissue    ovarian tissue    oocytes**) (hereafter referred to as specimen) which have been procured, frozen, and previously stored by another facility and now desires to store the specimen at Cryobank for the purpose of initiating a pregnancy.

WHEREAS, Cryobank provides the service of storing stated specimen if the requirements of this agreement are met.

WHEREAS, Client has been fully advised and understands that there are certain inherent risks in the process of freezing, shipping, and thawing of such specimens, including but not limited to: damage to the specimen, mishandling during shipment, loss during shipment, and cryopreservation tank failure during shipment or storage. These risks could result in reduced capacity for fertilization or survival, a reduced life span of specimen after thawing, rehydration, and removal of cryoprotectant buffers, and culture prior to transfer to the recipient; all of these risks the Client assumes.

WHEREAS, the parties agree that Cryobank shall receive and store Client's specimen according to the terms and conditions as set forth in this Agreement. The foregoing preamble is incorporated herein in its entirety.

NOW, the parties agree as follows;

1. The Client shall provide specimen(s) for storage by Cryobank. The Client shall provide Cryobank with the name, address, and contact number of the facility that froze the specimen, the procedure protocol for thawing the specimen, all shipment details including, but not limited to: the carrier, method (e.g. overnight, courier, date), the number of cryopreservation tanks, the type of tank(s), and the number of specimens being transferred. **NOTE:** The Client may need to sign a release document (HIPAA form) with the clinic that froze the specimens in order for information about the specimens can be released to Cryobank. The Client has specimens that have been processed and previously stored by another facility. The Client has made arrangements for the release and transfer of the specimens from the current storage facility to Cryobank.
2. The Client is responsible for paying for the shipping costs for each tank shipped. The Client has been fully advised and understands that there are certain inherent risks in the process of shipping and handling of the specimens during shipment, including but not limited to: loss during shipment, or liquid nitrogen tank failure that may render the specimens useless. This is a rare event; however, Cryobank offers the option to have the straws or vials containing the specimen shipped in separate tanks (provided that there are at least two straws or vials containing the specimen to be shipped). The Client is willing to assume all of these risks and the Client fully understands and accepts that Cryobank, a division of Genetics & IVF Institute, Inc., its laboratory directors, and its laboratory personnel do not assume responsibility or liability for the transportation, condition, or survival of the frozen specimens.
3. If the shipment is from a destination outside of the United States, the Client is responsible for arranging for any requisite customs or other permits and, prior to shipment, the Client must provide Cryobank with copies of these permits or provide Cryobank with a written statement to the effect that no permits are required. The Client acknowledges that international shipments are subject to delay and to an increased risk of damage and, consequently, an increased risk of damage to or loss of the frozen specimen; the Client assumes this increased risk.
4. Cryobank will store the Client's specimen(s) in accordance with Cryobank's procedures in the usual facilities

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maintained for that purpose until this Agreement is terminated in the manner provided in paragraph 12.

Cryobank did not originally freeze the Client's specimen(s). The frozen specimen is to be shipped to Cryobank by another clinic or facility, or by Cryobank at the Client's request. Cryobank disclaims all responsibility for the freezing process used and quality assurance standards of the clinic or facility shipping the specimen(s), including but not limited to: the quality of the specimen at the time it was frozen, its likelihood of surviving a thaw, or its likelihood of resulting in a pregnancy or live birth. The Client has made arrangements for the release and transfer of the specimen(s) from the current storage facility to Cryobank.

The Client understands that any specimen received from an outside clinic or facility will be appropriately identified by markings on straws/vials/or ampoules, and accompanying paperwork, but that the actual genetic material frozen in those vessels cannot be guaranteed or verified by Cryobank employees.

5. The Client acknowledges that they have received from Cryobank oral and/or written information explaining procedures for storage, release, and use of the specimen for insemination, IVF, or other reproductive procedure. The Client acknowledges that they have been informed of the costs associated with the services to be provided under this Agreement which include, but are not limited to: storage, release, and distribution.
6. The Client hereby agrees to pay quarantine storage fees if the Client tests positive for any infectious disease. A confirmed positive test will result in the Client being notified and charged *applicable quarantine fees*.

Client's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ (If minor, legal guardian must also initial)

7. The Client acknowledges and agrees they have been given the opportunity to have additional tests that are routinely performed on individuals donating specimens to Cryobank for the anonymous donor program. Specimens are stored for use with a sexually intimate partner of the Client; use with a recipient other than a sexually intimate partner requires additional testing. If the Client wishes to have additional testing, the form Medical and Genetic Tests for Client or Directed Depositor will be used to designate which test(s) the Client would like to have performed on the individual from whom the specimen(s) were obtained. Additional testing fees are denoted on the Medical and Genetic Tests for Client or Directed Depositor form.
8. The Client hereby agrees to pay storage fees by a pre-paid billing agreement **or** on a monthly basis, including any collection fees for failure to pay. **It is understood that this agreement shall be continuous unless terminated pursuant to the provisions of paragraph 12.** Compensation for services rendered and expenses incurred by Cryobank under this Agreement shall be set by Cryobank and may be adjusted from time to time by Cryobank based upon market factors including but not limited to: increases in costs. Periodically, the storage charge may be increased to an amount equal to the storage fee that is currently being charged to new clients. The Client also agrees to pay a handling fee, shipping fee, shipping tank fee (outgoing & return), and any outstanding fees each time one or more vials, straws, or ampoules of the specimen is/are removed from storage. Cryobank shall give written notice to the Client of any storage fee increase for the forthcoming period.
9. **IMPORTANT NOTICE: PATERNITY OF CHILD BORN AFTER CLIENT'S DEATH.** A Client may become a biological parent after their death; however, the law may not recognize the Client as the legal parent of the child unless they have taken specific steps to protect a future child. For a Client to be recognized as the legal parent of a future child, there must be a written and notarized statement signed by the Client during their lifetime stating they intend to parent after their death and granting ownership of the stored specimen to a designee. Ownership of the specimens, along with the authority to control the use of the stored specimen, will transfer to the designee, according to the wishes expressed by the Client. Ownership or use of the specimens after the Client's death does not automatically grant legal status to the child that the Client is the parent..

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Without the Client's written declaration of intent to parent, the child would not be afforded legal rights of inheritance or support. **PRIOR TO USING THE SPECIMEN, PLEASE CONSULT WITH AN EXPERIENCED ATTORNEY REGARDING THE LEGAL RIGHTS OF INHERITANCE OR SUPPORT OF A CHILD BORN AFTER THE CLIENT'S DEATH.**

10. Cryobank shall release the vials of the Client's specimen only to the Client or to their designee at the expressed written authorization of the Client. The Client understands and authorizes that their medical records will be sent to the physician performing an insemination/fertilization and/or to the recipient of the specimen for their evaluation and use. Accordingly, the Client hereby authorizes Cryobank to release theirtheir medical records and all other individually identifiable health information, whether or not contained in the Client's medical records, regarding any past or present medical conditions, including but not limited to: client account number, specimen quality, order history, and medical information to such a physician and recipient the Client has identified to use the specimens. The Client understands that this authorization is voluntary and that if the individual or entity authorized to receive this information is not a covered entity under federal privacy regulations, the release of such information may no longer be protected by federal privacy regulations. The Client also understands that once this information is used or disclosed pursuant to this authorization it may be subject to re-disclosure by the physician and the recipient may no longer be protected. The conditions and procedures for release shall be those reasonably established by Cryobank, with which the Client hereby agrees to comply. The Client understands and agrees that the procedures established by Cryobank may be modified at the sole discretion of Cryobank to reflect changes in industry practice, laws, or regulations. As of the date of this Agreement, the release procedures are as follows:
- During the Client's lifetime:* The specimens stored by Cryobank for the Client shall remain their property and will be released (1) to a licensed physician or the physician's designee, (2) for use with the Client or Client's designee with the intent to create a child, (3) upon completion of required testing if applicable, and (4) upon the authorization of the Client.
  - Upon the Client's death:* This Agreement terminates upon the death of the Client. If the Client has a written and notarized statement signed by the Client during their lifetime stating an intention for use of the specimens for procreation after the Client's death and granting ownership of stored specimens to a designee, disposition of the stored samples will be in accordance with the instructions following (1) notification of Cryobank in writing within 60 days after the first storage invoice following the date of Client's death, (2) a certified copy of the Client's death certificate, and (3) if the Client's surviving designee elects to continue storage of the specimens for their exclusive use, a written and notarized statement signed by the designee electing to take ownership of any remaining specimen, then the specimen stored by Cryobank shall become the property of the designee of the Client with all of the Client's rights and obligations transferred to the designee upon payment of applicable storage fees and completion of new agreement.

**CHOOSE ONE:**

***I understand that my specimen(s) can be used for the purpose of procreation by my surviving spouse, identified surviving intimate partner, legal guardian(s) if a minor, if all of the conditions of 10b are met. I further understand that I must take additional legal steps during my life to establish the paternity of the child. I understand that regulatory agencies may make these samples unable to be used for the purpose of procreation.***

***Upon my death, I elect to have all of my stored specimens destroyed, regardless of the desires of any surviving spouse, intimate partner, or legal guardian(s) if a minor.***

Client's Initials \_\_\_\_\_ (If minor, legal guardian must also initial)

11. The Client agrees that in the event of loss or destruction of the Client's specimen by any reason whatsoever,

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damages as a result thereof would be highly conjectural and speculative and would be difficult to determine. Accordingly, pursuant to § 8.7-204(2) of the Virginia uniform commercial code, the Client agrees that in the event that the specimen is lost or destroyed by virtue of negligence by Cryobank, the Client will be entitled to damages in the amount equal to the storage charge for the particular year in which the loss occurs, plus \$100 per specimen sample (such as vial or straw) lost (maximum compensation to Client not to exceed \$2,000.00 USD).

12. As part of the consideration by the Client in agreeing to ship Client's frozen specimen to another clinic or facility, the Client hereby agrees that any dispute arising out of this consent or directly related to the quality of care provided by Cryobank or any of its physicians, nurses, counselors, or other personnel, will be decided only through arbitration by JAMS under the JAMS Streamlined Arbitration Rules and Procedures. The Client further agrees that any binding arbitration proceeding shall be conducted in Fairfax County, Virginia, the location of Cryobank, and agrees that any arbitration proceeding shall be conducted in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, including, but not limited to: standard of care issues, causation issues, damage issues, qualification of experts and rules of evidence. The Client further agrees that the decision of the arbitrator(s) shall be binding and final and shall be enforced in any court of competent jurisdiction. Any arbitration costs shall be borne equally between Cryobank and the Client. If, notwithstanding the parties' agreement to arbitrate, any dispute becomes subject to a judicial proceeding, the parties agree to waive trial by jury.

If any action or proceeding is brought to enforce or interpret any of the provisions of this consent, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorneys' fees and other reasonable costs expended in such an action or proceeding.

13. This agreement shall terminate and Cryobank responsibility for storage shall cease upon the happening of any one or more of the following events:
- a. Cryobank reserves the absolute right to terminate this agreement by written notice to the Client if it is determined that the specimen is inappropriate for storage.
  - b. The Client fails to complete and return signed original Agreement and necessary paperwork for storage.
  - c. Release of the specimen by written authorization of the Client.
  - d. Written notarized direction of the Client to Cryobank authorizing destruction of all specimens that are presently stored at that time.
  - e. Failure to pay the storage charges due will result in the termination of this Agreement and the abandonment of the specimen(s).
    - i. If at any time Cryobank has not received full payment of all amounts due under this Agreement by 180 (one hundred eighty) days from the due date, the nonpayment of the full amount shall result in the termination of this Agreement and abandonment of the specimen. If at any time storage charges are due and owing but remain unpaid, Cryobank will pursue collection of the storage charges, including referral of claim to a collection agency. In that event, the Client agrees to pay all costs of such collection including any reasonable fees charged by the collection agency, other costs of collection, and reasonable attorney's fees.
    - ii. **It is imperative that the Client notify Cryobank of any change in address, extended absence, or sabbaticals.** Cryobank will send written notice, via U.S. Mail, of non-payment from Cryobank to the Client at their latest address on file at Cryobank. If a notice is returned for insufficient address or similar reason, or if no written response is received from either the Client, or the Client representative, it is agreed that this Agreement is terminated.
  - f. Death of Client. Disposition of the stored specimen will be in accordance with the Client's instructions following receipt of a copy of the formal death certificate issued by the appropriate authority of the state in which the Client resided at the time of their death and a notarized copy of the statement described in paragraph 8b.

14. Upon termination of this Agreement, any remaining specimen(s) held in storage by Cryobank shall become the sole

and exclusive property of Cryobank; all right, title, claim and interest therein being transferred, conveyed, and delivered to Cryobank by the execution of this Agreement. The specimen so acquired by Cryobank shall be either (1) destroyed by Cryobank, or (2) if Cryobank in its sole discretion so elects, used by Cryobank for scientific and research purposes but not for insemination, IVF, ICSI, procreation, or other reproductive procedure. Abandonment of the Client's specimens shall be immediate, permanent, and irrevocable.

15. Either party may terminate this agreement upon 30 days written notice to the other. Upon termination, any past due or current storage fees are still required to be paid in full before the storage client's account is closed. Failure to pay unpaid fees will be handled as described in paragraph 13. In the event such notice is given by the Client and the Client has an annual or multi-year contract, the storage fee shall be prorated over the storage period used based on the current monthly storage rate then in effect, an administrative fee applied, and the remainder, if any, refunded to the Client upon receipt of a signed release for the Client's specimen(s) stored by Cryobank. In the event such notice is given by Cryobank, the storage fee shall be prorated over the storage period used and the remaining prepaid storage fee refunded upon receipt of a signed release for the Client's specimen(s) stored by Cryobank. It shall be the Client's obligation to make arrangements for transfer, use, or disposition of the vials of specimen in the event of a termination of this contract for any reason other than the Client's death or failure to pay storage charges. Cryobank shall exercise its reasonable best efforts to cooperate with the Client in the transfer and release of the specimen.
16. It is specifically acknowledged and agreed by and between the parties hereto that there is an inherent risk in the process of storage and thawing of specimen(s) that may render it ineffective for insemination, IVF, ICSI purposes, or other reproductive procedure, and that the Client has expressly agreed to assume this risk. Client understands this information and has been given the opportunity to ask questions and receive adequate additional information to make an informed decision.
17. The Client understands that Cryobank may keep the client's name, address, and required health information on file indefinitely. However, the Client's information will be kept confidential and used only to comply with the terms of this agreement. Any information obtained during these procedures that may identify the Client will remain confidential and will be disclosed to individuals not connected with this agreement only with Client's written permission. The Client understands that photographs or videotapes may be taken of them, or the specimen as a permanent record and for identification. The Client understands that they have the right to review this information at any reasonable time, and the Client acknowledges and agrees that any government agency with legal authority to do so may also review such records.
18. In the event Cryobank terminates the operation of its storage facility, it may, 30 days after providing written notice to the Client (or to the surviving spouse, properly-identified intimate partner, or in the case of a minor, legal guardian(s), if applicable) at their last known address, assign and transfer its obligations and the specimen held on behalf of the Client to a similar storage facility.
19. It shall be the Client's obligation to make arrangements for transfer or disposition of the stored specimen. Cryobank shall exercise its reasonable best efforts to cooperate with the Client in the transfer of the Client's stored specimen.
20. The Client understands and accepts that Cryobank, its physicians, laboratory directors, and laboratory personnel do not assume responsibility or liability for the transportation, condition, or survival of the specimen or the physical, mental, or other characteristics of any child or children born as a result of the use of the stored specimen.
21. The Client further agrees to indemnify, defend, and hold harmless Cryobank and its past, present, or future officers, directors, employees, agents, assignees, contractors and affiliates, from any and all claims, demands, causes,

charges, costs, expenses, obligations, or action for damages or otherwise asserted against Cryobank arising out of the storage, shipping, handling, thawing, disposition and any other action involving the receipt, handling, transfer, disposition or release of Client's specimen.

22. If the Client names Cryobank or any of its employees or agents party to any litigation arising from any disagreement between the Client and their spouse or properly-identified intimate partner as to the rights of either or both of them, as to each other, or as to Cryobank, the Client or their estate shall be liable for the reasonable attorney's fees and other costs of Cryobank in such litigation. Also, if any action or proceeding is brought to enforce or interpret any of the provisions of this Agreement, the prevailing party shall be entitled to recover its reasonable attorney's fees and other reasonable costs expended in such an action or proceeding.
23. Any notices to be provided to a party hereunder shall be sent to the address set forth beneath the party's signature or such other address as a party may request in writing be used for that purpose. The Client (or the surviving spouse or properly-identified intimate partner, or in the case of a minor, legal guardian(s), if applicable) shall keep Cryobank informed in writing at all times during the term of the agreement of any change in address, including current mailing address, email address, and telephone number. The Client shall advise Cryobank promptly in writing on each change of address or prolonged absence from the last address on file. The Client acknowledges that their current mailing address is set forth on the Client information form provided with this Agreement, and acknowledges that it is their obligation to provide in writing to Cryobank any change in address.
24. If any provision of this Agreement is found to be invalid or unenforceable by any court, that provision shall be ineffective only to the extent that it is in contravention of applicable laws without invalidating the remaining provisions hereof, unless such invalidity and unenforceability would defeat an essential purpose of this Agreement.
25. This represents the entire agreement between the parties concerning the subject matter; and there are no understanding, agreements, or representations other than as herein set forth. This Agreement shall be modified only by a writing signed by all parties.
26. The agreement shall be binding upon the parties and their respective assignees, heirs, executors, and administrators. This agreement shall be construed in accordance with the laws of the Commonwealth of Virginia, USA.
27. Cryobank is a division of Genetics & IVF Institute, Inc., a Virginia corporation. All references in this Agreement to "Cryobank" shall be deemed to include Genetics & IVF Institute, Inc., unless the context otherwise requires.



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By providing a signature below, the Client expressly agrees that their failure to comply with the terms of this Agreement will constitute termination of this Agreement, and shall result in the abandonment of said specimen(s) to Cryobank.

This agreement is entered into on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Client's signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Print Client name) Account #: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cryobank will complete)

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If Client is a minor, legal guardian signature Legal Guardian Printed Name

**Cryobank will complete:**  
The Cryobank Representative signs below agreeing to provide all services referred to in the agreement.

Cryobank Representative Printed Name	Signature	Date