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## SEMINARS & DOCUMENTARIES (A detailed list)

(Format: S = seminar, D = documentary)

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### INFERTILITY

#### Age & Fertility: What are My Options <sup>(S)</sup>

Adoption: Katherin Jones, Editor, *Adoption Helper*  
Childfree living: Sharon Corder, Actor & Writer  
Medical treatment: Dr. Perry Phillips, *IVF Canada*

#### Anger & Grief <sup>(S)</sup>

Understanding grief: Margaret Ann. Fitzpatrick-Hanley, Counsellor  
Anger/Communication: Theresa Wetzel, RN; Infertility Counsellor  
Panel discussion: Personal experiences

#### Becoming Informed <sup>(S)</sup>

Cecile Barington, MEd (Counselling): *The Mind-Body Fertility Program*  
Dr. Tom Hannam, Reproductive Endocrinologist, *START Clinic* (now *LifeQuest*): Using the Internet to enhance your fertility knowledge  
Susie Langley, Registered Dietician, MSc (Foods & Nutrition): The nutrition & fertility connection

#### Causes & Treatments of Infertility <sup>(S)</sup>

Causes of infertility, investigation, ovulation induction, IUI, DI, donor egg, surrogacy: Carole Craig, Manager, *IVF Canada*  
IVF, embryo freezing, ICSI: Dawn Kelk, Lab Director, *IVF Canada*  
How information & support can help: Deborah Tennant, *Infertility Network & Infertility Helper Magazine*

#### Charting, Acupuncture, Shiatsu, Naturopathy <sup>(S)</sup>

Charting temperature & mucus: Lisa Leger, *Fertility Management Svcs*  
Acupuncture: Ilya Nudelman, DC  
Shiatsu: Tim Phillips, CST  
Naturopathy: Marilyn May, ND

#### Coping with Infertility <sup>(S)</sup>

Coping mechanisms for dealing with uncertainty, stress, disappointment, questions from family/friends; decision-making re treatment options, stopping treatment, adopting, living child-free:  
• Jeri Hepworth, Family Medicine, *University of Connecticut* • Susan McDaniel, Psychiatry & Family Medicine, *U of Rochester*  
Comments & personal stories from the audience

#### Coping with the Holidays <sup>(S)</sup>

Spirituality & infertility: Rev. Morar Murray-Hayes  
Coping with the holidays: Dr. Nina Josefowitz, Psychologist

#### Dealing with Doctors <sup>(S)</sup>

A patient's view: Deborah Tennant  
A doctor's view: Dr. Cliff Librach, *Women's College Fertility Centre*  
An overview: Carole Craig, Manager, *IVF Canada*  
A male partner's view: Bill Ross  
Panel discussion: Becoming your own advocate

#### Emotional Rollercoaster of Infertility <sup>(S)</sup>

An interactive workshop on the impact of infertility on relationships:  
Susan Aaron, Psychotherapist  
Comments & personal stories: The audience

#### Endometriosis & Infertility <sup>(S)</sup>

Medical & surgical Treatment: Dr. Kay Lie  
Endometriosis Association: Kathy Chabot  
Chinese medical treatment: David Bray, DCM  
Naturopathic treatment: Sat Dharan Kaur, ND

#### Enhancing Fertility <sup>(S)</sup>

Fertility awareness & charting your cycle: Pam Thornton, ND  
Naturopathic approaches: Daria Love, ND  
Botanical medicine: Anthony Godfrey, ND  
Mind-body medicine: Mark Gilbert, *Mind-Body Medicine Canada*  
Awakening your fertility: Dot Whitehouse, Sex Educator, Counsellor, Therapeutic Touch & Reiki Practitioner  
Finding a care provider & finding out what works for you: Margaret Ann McHugh, Executive Director, Ontario Assocn of Naturopathic Doctors

#### Family, Friends & the Workplace <sup>(S)</sup>

Workplace issues: Harriet Simand, Lawyer  
Communicating with family/friends: Jane Graham, RN, MEd  
Panel discussion: Personal experiences

#### Fertility Drugs & Treatments <sup>(S)</sup>

Dr. Perry Phillips, *IVF Canada*  
• Infertility: Causes, investigation, treatments (OI, IUI, IVF, ICSI)  
• Fertility Drugs: Types, uses, side effects, long term risks  
Russ Burrell, *Serono Canada*: The manufacture of fertility drugs  
Norm Hudson, *Organon Canada*: Research & licensing  
Christine Juchem, *Berry Technologies*: Internet resources  
Heather Woodhouse, *Wexford Pharmacy*: Pricing, purchase options

#### Fertility Drugs & Ovarian Cancer <sup>(S)</sup>

Dr. Jim Martin, Infertility Specialist, *London Health Sciences Centre*  
Dr. Barry Rosen, Ovarian Cancer Program, *Toronto Hospital*  
Michelle Mullen, Research Assoc, *U of T Centre for Bioethics*

#### His & Her Responses to Infertility <sup>(S)</sup>

The different ways men & women respond emotionally, how this can affect your relationship, staying in love when you're infertile, coping with coping differences, how infertility can affect your sex life & what you can do about it.  
• Jean Haase, Social Worker, *London Health Sciences Centre*  
• Sherry Dale Franz, Social Worker & Counsellor in private practice

#### I'm Not Pregnant Yet; What Next? <sup>(S)</sup>

How to find a doctor; the workup; treatment protocols; Q & A  
• Shira Benson, RN, Nurse Manager, *Women's College Fertility Centre*  
• Dr. Cliff Librach, *Women's College Fertility Centre* (now *CREATe*)

#### Infertility & Your Marriage <sup>(S)</sup>

An interactive workshop on the effect of infertility on relationships:  
Susan Aaron, Psychotherapist  
Comments & personal stories: The audience

#### Infertility: To Have a Child <sup>(D)</sup>

By Megan Laforet, *Dreams & Realities*  
Both the medical & emotional aspects of infertility & its treatment are discussed by leading medical experts, along with individual patients who share their stories.

#### The Infertility Stress/Connection <sup>(S)</sup>

Is what I'm feeling normal? Loss, grief, lack of support from others. Why do men & women react differently? Dr. Alice Domar's work at the *Harvard Mind/Body Institute* shows that the relaxation response' decreases anxiety, depression & fatigue, increases the sense of well-being and the chance of conceiving.  
• Dr. Lisa Shatford, Psychologist  
• Jan Silverman, Infertility Support & Education Program, *Women's Health Centre*

**IVF: What Do You Need to Know?** <sup>(S)</sup>

Intro to IVF: Dr. James Martin, *London Health Sciences Centre*

ICSI: Dr. Scot Hamilton, *ISIS Regional Fertility Centre*

IVF at a satellite clinic: Ginette Hamel, *Chicoutimi Hospital*

Assisted hatching: Jim Meriano, Embryologist, *START Clinic* (now *LifeQuest*)

Genetic screening: Teresa Barry Longley, *Toronto Andrology Centre*

Parenting multiples: Sherry Thiessen, *Triples, Quads, Quints Assocn*

Understanding IVF success rates: Chris Newton, PhD, *London Health Sciences Centre*

Blastocyst transfer: Dr. Michael Virro, *Markham Fertility Centre*

Coping with IVF: Jan Silverman, Infertility Support & Education Program, *Women's Health Centre*

Medical aspects of egg donation: Cathy Ruberto, *ReproMed Ltd.*

The role of sperm in IVF: David Towles, *Xytex sperm bank*

Social & emotional aspects of using donor sperm/eggs: Jean Haase, MSW, *London Health Sciences Centre*

Trends & research: Dr. Cliff Librach, *Women's College Fertility Centre* (now *CRATE*)

In Vitro Maturation: Johanne Levesque, Lab Director, *IVF Canada*

Ethical issues: Laura Shanner, PhD, Ethicist, *University of Alberta*

The older woman patient: Dr. Anthony Auyeung

Parenting after IVF: Sherry Dale Franz, MSW, Infertility Counsellor

**Medical & Naturopathic Treatment;****Coping Strategies** <sup>(S)</sup>

Judith Fiore, ND, Naturopath: Nutrition & lifestyle counselling, homeopathy, herbs & acupuncture as primary therapies or to support patients during medical treatment.

Sherry Dale Franz, MSW, Infertility Counsellor: Coping with the emotional aspects of infertility

Dr. Nathan Roth, The Fertility & Reproductive Medicine Centre:

- Workup & medical treatment options for the infertile couple
- Male factor infertility: DNA integrity testing as a predictor of IVF success

**Using the Mind-Body Connection to Manage Stress** <sup>(S)</sup>

Reducing stress & anxiety using mind-body techniques. (Based on studies by Dr. Alice Domar at the *Harvard University Mind/Body Program* showing women in a mind-body program triple their pregnancy rate): Jan Silverman, Infertility Support & Education Program, *Women's Health Centre*

**Miscarriage: Causes, Treatments & Emotions** <sup>(S)</sup>

Causes & treatments: Dr. Carl Laskin, *START Clinic* (now *LifeQuest*)

Healthy mourning: Anne Smith, *Perinatal Bereavement Services*

**A Naturopathic Approach To Treatment** <sup>(S)</sup>

A personal experience: Ema Nardella

Naturopathy: Daria Love, ND

**Pathways to Parenthood** <sup>(D)</sup>

By *Xenejex Productions*

Why couples have trouble conceiving, when to see a specialist, which options may be best for you. Features medical experts from the *American Society for Reproductive Medicine* and *Resolve* (the USA national infertility association).

**Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome** <sup>(S)</sup>

Implications & medical Treatment For Fertility & Women's Health:

Dr. Ellen Greenblatt, Clinical Director, Reproductive Biology & IVF Units, *Mt. Sinai Hospital*; Assistant Professor, *University of Toronto*

Nutritional topics of interest for PCOS: Erin Collins, Registered Dietician, *Mt. Sinai Hospital*

A naturopathic approach - Nutrition, acupuncture, botanicals & homeopathy: Judith Fiore, ND, *Naturopathic Doctor, Naturopathic Centre For Reproductive Health*

Coping with the emotional toll & grieving the losses: Cecile Barington, MEd, Counsellor & educator specializing in emotional & physical wellness; facilitator, *Mind-Body Behavioural Medicine Program For Infertility*

You Are Not Alone - Other cysters like you: Lori Peeling-Hill, *Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome Association Of Canada*

**Psychological Aspects of Infertility** <sup>(S)</sup>

Strategies for coping with treatment, periods of non-success, & when all avenues have been tried & exhausted.

• Jeri Hepworth, Family Medicine, *University of Connecticut*

• Susan McDaniel, Psychiatry & Family Medicine, *U of Rochester*

• Comments: Doctors, clinic staff, & counsellors

**Secondary Infertility** <sup>(S)</sup>

Causes & treatments: Dr. Carol Redmond, *START Clinic* (now *LifeQuest*)

Panel discussion: Personal stories

**Surviving the Challenge** <sup>(S)</sup>

Spirituality & religious communities: Do they have anything to offer?

Rev. Donna Morrison-Reed

Coping strategies for the holidays: Jan Silverman, Infertility Support & Education Program, *Women's Health Centre*

**When is Enough Enough?** <sup>(S)</sup>

Intro: Terri Driscoll (stopped IVF, living childfree)

The decision-making process: Jan Silverman, Infertility Support & Education Program, *Women's Health Centre* (adopted 2 children, decided not to pursue further treatment)

Panel discussion: Personal experiences –

Diane Allen (1 child through treatment; unable to have more)

Sharon Gold (adopted, then re-entered treatment)

Joanne Orliffe (stopped DI, decided to adopt)

Lea Eliopoulos (stopped IVF, adopted internationally)

Sharon Corder (fills her life with children of friends)

**DONOR CONCEPTION**

*(Many of these speakers have written books or articles available through the Infertility Network. Please see the Order Form, Booklist & the Donor Info Kit for details.)*

**Building Families through Donor Conception:****The Personal, Professional & Public Policy Issues** <sup>(S)</sup>

Keynote: Ken Daniels, Professor of Social Work, New Zealand.

Counsellor, researcher, author & policy consultant to gov'ts, professional & patient organizations. Editor, *Donor Insemination: International Social Science Perspectives*; Author, *Building a Family with the Assistance of DI*

Making the decision to use donor sperm: Jean Haase, MSW, *London Health Sciences Centre*

Making the decision to use donor eggs: Jan Silverman, Infertility Support & Education Program, *Women's Health Centre*, Toronto

Discussion about the BBC documentary, *Test Tube Dads*, which addresses the issue of anonymity & looks at 1 family's experience of meeting the donor, with 2 families featured in the film: Becky, Lindsey & Jeremy Peck & their donor, David Ross; & Heidi Campbell, a lesbian mother via another donor in the film.

Information sharing: Leonie Hewitt, National Secretary, *Donor Conception Support Group of Australia*

The identity issues of offspring: Geraldine Hewitt, author of the largest international study to-date on the identity issues of donor-conceived adults & adolescents.

Implications of an open market & anonymous donation in human sperm/eggs: Molly Shanley, Prof. of Political Science, *Vassar College*, USA. Author, *Making Babies, Making Families: What Matters Most in an*

*Age of Reproductive Technologies, Surrogacy, Adoption, and Same-Sex & Unwed Parents' Rights*

What can we learn from adoption?

Karen Lynn, President, Canadian Council of Birthmothers  
Catherine Clute, Adoptive Parents Association of Nova Scotia  
Wendy Rowney, Adoption, Support & Kinship (ASK)  
Bill Cordray, Donor offspring

The United Kingdom *Consultation on Access to Genetic Origins*

*Information*: Eric Blyth, Professor of Social Work, UK. Researcher, author & policy consultant to governments, professional & patient organizations. Editor & contributor, *Truth & the Child 10 Years On: Information Exchange in Donor Assisted Conception. & Third Party Assisted Conception Across Cultures: Social, Legal & Ethical Perspectives*. Editor, *Journal of Fertility Counselling*;

The Irish experience: Deirdre Madden, Lecturer in law. Member, *Irish Commission on Assisted Human Reproduction*

The ties that bind: Caroline Lorbach, National Consumer Advocate, *Donor Conception Support Group of Australia*; Editor, *Let the Offspring Speak*

Parenting after donor conception:

Irene Ryll, Mother of 3 children via DI  
Olga Cioci, Single mother via DI  
Jane French, Mother via egg donation

Discussion about the award-winning documentary, *Offspring*, re one man's search for his genetic family, with filmmaker & donor offspring, Barry Stevens; Janice Stevens Botsford; Amelia Botsford

Embryo adoption: In the best interests of the embryos? Ellen Glazer, Social worker & adoption consultant, USA. Author, *Choosing Assisted Reproduction; The Long Awaited Stork; Having Your Baby Through Egg Donation*

Offspring speak: Olivia Pratten, Lynne Spencer, Susan Sermoneta

Egg donors: Who are they & why do they do it? Sherry Dale Franz, MSW, Social Worker; *Hamilton Health Sciences Centre, START Clinic (now LifeQuest)* & private practice

When it isn't just about me: Ethics, choices & responsibility: Laura Shanner, Professor of Health Ethics, *University of Alberta*

Donor conception in Canada: Past, present & future:

Phyllis Creighton, Bioethicist; Member, *Health Canada Advisory Committee on Reproductive & Genetic Technologies*  
Dr. Alfonso Del Valle, Medical Director, *ReproMed* sperm bank  
Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, *Health Canada*  
Shirley Pratten, New Reproductive Alternatives Society & DI mom  
Barry Stevens, Donor offspring

### Choices & Challenges of Donor Insemination <sup>(S)</sup>

Carol Frost Vercollone, MSW, Author, *Helping the Stork: The Choices & Challenges of DI*; Leader of workshops on DI

David Towles, *Xytex* sperm bank (offers donor photos & videos)

### A Different Story <sup>(D)</sup>

By Liesel Evans, Donor Conception Network

Varied positive, thoughtful reflections by young people, aged 7-20, conceived through anonymous donor insemination by heterosexual couples & told the facts of their conception at an early age by their parents. The children discuss such matters as: when they first found out; whether they are pleased their parents told them; whether their friends know & how they have responded; who they see as their 'dad,' what their relationship is like with him & how they think he feels about the DI; whether they think about their donor & want to know more about him; whether they are curious about their half-siblings.

### Donor Insemination: Issues, Disclosure, Doctors <sup>(S)</sup>

Making the decision: Sherry Dale Franz, DI parent

Disclosure in DI: Jane Graham, RN, MEd, Infertility Counsellor

Personal experiences: DI parents; a single woman undergoing DI; a couple who decided to stop DI & adopt

Rona Achilles, PhD, Sociologist, DI Researcher for The Royal Commission on New Reproductive Technologies

### Disclosure <sup>(S)</sup>

History of DI: Rona Achilles, PhD, Sociologist, DI Researcher

Donors & disclosure: Cathy Ruberto, *ReproMed* sperm bank

DI recipients: Secrecy & disclosure: Sherry Dale Franz, DI parent

To tell or not to tell? Jane Graham, RN, MEd, Infertility Counsellor

Panel Discussion: Parents through egg & sperm donation

### Egg & Sperm Donation <sup>(S)</sup>

DI in the era of ART & ICSI: Dr. Art Leader, Ottawa Fertility Centre

Towards an identity-release model: Ken Daniels, Researcher, Author & Policy Consultant on DI; Professor of Social Work, New Zealand. Editor,

*Donor Insemination: International Social Science Perspectives*; Author, *Building a Family with the Assistance of DI*

DI: Current concepts & clinical applications: Dr. Alfonso Del Valle, Medical Director, *ReproMed* sperm bank

Legislation: Linda Williams, Policy Analyst, *Health Canada*

Panel discussion on legislation: Linda Williams; Dr. Leader; Ken Daniels;

Dr. Murray Kroach, *IVF Canada*; Rona Achilles, PhD, DI Researcher;

Diane Allen, *Infertility Network*

Building a family through donor gametes – Secrecy vs openness: Shirley

Pratten, *New Reproductive Alternatives Society*; Olivia Pratten, Shirley's

15 year old DI daughter; Bill Cordray, DI offspring; Jane French, Donor egg mom

Sperm banking in Canada: Dr. Del Valle, *ReproMed* sperm bank

Egg donation in Canada: Dr. Murray Kroach, *IVF Canada*

The role of support groups: Sherry Dale Franz, MSW; Bill Cordray; Shirley Pratten

### Egg, Sperm & Embryo Donation <sup>(S)</sup>

Host: Shirley Pratten, New Reproductive Alternatives Society; DI mom

Truth & the child: Eric Blyth, Professor of Social Work, UK. Researcher,

author & policy consultant to governments, professional & patient

organizations. Editor & contributor, *Truth & the Child 10 Years On:*

*Information Exchange in Donor Assisted Conception & Third Party*

*Assisted Conception Across Cultures: Social, Legal & Ethical Perspectives*.

Editor, *Journal of Fertility Counselling*

What can we learn from adoption? Jean Haase, MSW, *London Health Sciences Centre*

Parenting: Valerie Fines, Social Worker, *Hamilton Health Sciences Centre*

Grief & loss in 3rd party conception: Jan Silverman, Infertility Support & Education Program, *Women's Health Centre*

Finding egg donors: Shelley Smith, *The Egg Donor Program* (California), Donor egg mom

Being an egg donor: Elisa Marchand, Egg donor

Donating eggs in exchange for treatment: Geri Bailey, Patient/Donor

DI issues for lesbians: Sherry Dale Franz, MSW, Infertility Counsellor

Legal issues for gay & lesbian families: Kelly Jordan, Lawyer

Canadian government initiatives: Francine Manseau, Senior Policy Analyst, *Health Canada*

Conceived through DI a generation apart: Bill Cordray & Olivia Pratten

A donor speaks: David Towles, *Xytex* sperm bank

ID-release sperm donors: Maura Riordan, MSW, *Sperm Bank of California*

My experience as a DI dad: Perry Franz

The joys & challenges of a single DI mom by choice: Olga Cioci

Embryo donation: Susan Ward, Manager, Toronto Centre for Advanced Reproductive Technology (TCART)

Legal aspects of egg & embryo donation: Sherry Levitan, Lawyer

Donor conception around the world: Sherry Dale Franz, MSW

## The Future of Donor Conception:

### Where Do We Go From Here? <sup>(S)</sup>

Single mothers by choice: Mikki Morrisette, (USA), Author, *Choosing Single Motherhood – The Thinking Woman's Guide*

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, trans, queer parenting: Rachel Epstein, Coordinator, *LGBT Parenting Network*, Toronto

Having your baby using egg donation: Ellen Glazer (USA), Social worker specializing in reproductive medicine & adoption. Parent through birth & adoption after infertility & miscarriage. Author of *Having Your Baby Through Egg Donation*.

*All in One Basket*: a documentary on egg donation by Lauren Berliner  
Should ethics & money mix in donor conception & surrogate motherhood? Phyllis Creighton, Historian. Ethicist. Member, Health Canada *Advisory Committee on Reproductive & Genetic Technologies*.

The Assisted Human Reproduction (AHR) Act: Implementation & development of the components of the regulatory framework:  
Francine Manseau, Manager, Health Policy Development Group, AHR Implementation Office, *Health Canada*

Finding your genetic family (half-siblings & donors): Wendy Kramer & Ryan, her son via anonymous sperm donation. Co-founders of the *Donor Sibling Registry*, an American non-profit organization established to assist those conceived through sperm, egg or embryo donation make informed mutual consent contact with others with whom they share genetic ties.

How to tell children about their donor conception: Olivia Montuschi, Co-founder, *Donor Conception Network*. Mother of 2 young adults conceived via anonymous DI. Manager of the *How to Tell* project (funded by the United Kingdom Department of Education & Skills)

Open-identity sperm donors & donor-conceived adolescents –  
A research perspective: Joanna Scheib, PhD. Director of Research, *The Sperm Bank of California*. Assistant Adjunct Professor of Psychology, *University of California at Davis*

Panel discussion:

Jane French (Canada), Mother of a 13 year old via egg donation

Eric Schwartzman (USA), Father of 2 young children via DI

Mark Lyndon (UK), Former sperm donor

John Sylla (USA), Former sperm donor

The mediation of kinship & identity: Jo Rose, Adult donor offspring, Australia & the United Kingdom. PhD (ethics) candidate. Member of *Tangled Webs*, an international organization which opposes donor conception due to the intentional fracturing of genetic kinship that it entails. Jo's case before the UK High Court was instrumental in ending donor anonymity in the United Kingdom.

Comparing Policy Cultures – Gamete donation in the United Kingdom & Canada: Mavis Jones, (UK & Canada). Senior Research Associate & PhD candidate, *Centre for Environmental Risk, University of East Anglia*, United Kingdom

Embryo adoption: Megan Corcoran, Client & Clinic Relations, *Snowflakes Embryo Adoption Program*, California

Conceived via anonymous sperm donation – Understanding what it means to be a donor offspring: Parrish Protheroe, PhD (USA)

The struggle for dignity in donor conception: Bill Cordray (USA). Donor conceived adult. Advocate for reform of the donor system.

Meeting the challenges posed by the abolition of donor anonymity: Eric Blyth, Professor of Social Work, UK. Researcher, author & policy consultant to governments, professional & patient organizations.

Former editor, *Journal of Fertility Counselling*. Editor & contributor, *Truth & the Child 10 Years On: Information Exchange in Donor Assisted Conception & Third Party Assisted Conception Across Cultures*

Panel discussion:

- Shirley Pratten (Canada), New Reproductive Alternatives Society
- Olivia Pratten, Shirley's 23 year old daughter via DI
- Lindsay Greenawalt (USA), donor conceived young adult
- Lynn Spencer (USA), Donor conceived adult

## An Identity-Release System <sup>(S)</sup>

Helen Szoke, CEO, *Infertility Treatment Authority*, Victoria, Australia: (15 years of regulation & an ID release system of donor information)

Shirley Pratten, *New Reproductive Alternatives Society*, DI mom: What families & offspring need from a donor system.

Barry Stevens, DI offspring: A search for family.

Francine Manseau, *Health Canada*: Proposed Canadian approach: standards, licensing, info registries, regulation, prohibitions.

## The Offspring Speak <sup>(S)</sup>

Historical perspective: Rona Achilles, PhD, Health Policy Consultant, DI Researcher for the *Royal Commission on NRTs*

New research on offspring: Lynn Spencer, DI offspring (USA)

A sperm bank prepares for donor identity release: Maura Riordan, MSW, Executive Director, & Joanna Scheib, PhD, *Sperm Bank of California*

Thoughts & feelings on releasing identifying donor information: Olivia Pratten & Shelley Kreutz, DI offspring (Canada)

Is DI a form of adoption? Bill Cordray, DI offspring (USA)

How important is the genetic tie? Sherry Dale Franz, MSW

Proposed regulatory framework for reproductive & genetic technologies: Francine Manseau, Senior. Policy Analyst, *Health Canada*

Personal story: David Gollancz, DI offspring (UK)

The family secret: Barry Stevens (Canada) & Janice Botsford (USA), DI offspring & siblings

Parallels between adoption & DI: Suzanne Ariel, DI offspring (USA)

Panel Discussion: Donor offspring

## Patient Preparation <sup>(S)</sup>

Patient preparation: Rona Achilles, PhD, DI Researcher

Needs of donor families: Deborah Kent, *DI Advocacy & Support Group*

Counselling issues: Jean Haase, MSW, *London Health Sciences Centre*

Sperm banking today: Cathy Ruberto, *ReproMed* sperm bank

## Telling & Talking About Donor Conception <sup>(D)</sup>

By Liesel Evans, Donor Conception Network

Parents & children in 10 families created through anonymous & known egg donation, anonymous sperm donation, & double (egg & sperm) donation answer questions about their experiences of 'telling' & continuing to talk together as children grow & change. Features single women, lesbian & heterosexual couples.

# ADOPTION

## From Infertility to Adoption <sup>(S)</sup>

Making the transition from infertility to adoption: Karen McKnight, MEd, Certified Professional Coach specializing in the process of adult change, personal growth & development. Adoptive mother of 3.

The adoption experience: Panel discussion – Adoptive parent, birth mother & adult adoptee.

The Adoption Council of Ontario; The Adoption Resource Exchange: Mary Allan, Chair, *Adoption Council of Ontario*; Supervisor, Adoption & Foster Care Branch, *Children's Aid Society of Toronto*

## Is Adoption For Me? <sup>(S)</sup>

The whys & why nots: Jan Silverman, Infertility Support & Education Program, *Women's Health Centre*; Adoptive parent

The adoption experience: Panel discussion – Prospective adoptive parents; parents through birth & adoption; adoptee

Communications & decisions: Ruth Maben, Social Worker, *Adoption Agency & Counselling Service*

## Making the Decision to Adopt <sup>(S)</sup>

Intro: Jan Silverman, Infertility Support & Education Program, *Women's Health Centre*; Adoptive parent

Making the decision: Selma Elzas, Social Worker, Adoptive parent

The adoption experience: Panel discussion – Adoptee & adoption rights advocate; birth mother; parents through birth & adoption

## Getting Started on Adoption <sup>(S)</sup>

The homestudy: Barbara Steinberg, Social Worker  
Homestudy: A personal experience: Alison Pentland-Folk, *SPARK (Support for Parents Adopting & Raising Real World Kids)*; adoptive parent (2 children from Romania)  
Changing adoptive countries: Jim Eliopoulos, Adoptive parent  
Communicating with your spouse: Lisa Gluszek, Adoptive parent

## What Do I Need to Know about Adoption? <sup>(S)</sup>

Intro: Gail Dobbs & Barry Silverman, Adoptive parents (newborn from USA in an open adoption)  
Homestudy, legal process, birth parent letter, advertising, agencies, facilitators, domestic vs international, countries, costs  
• Mary Ann Kennedy, Social Worker & Adoption Lawyer  
• Alison Pentland-Folk, *SPARK (Support for Parents Adopting & Raising Real World Kids)*; Adoptive parent (2 children from Romania)

## An Overview of Adoption <sup>(S)</sup>

The legal process: Cheryl Appell, Lawyer & Licensee  
The homestudy: Barbara Steinberg, Social Worker  
Public, private & international adoption: Katherin Jones, Editor, *Adoption Helper* magazine; adoptive parent  
The role of parent support groups: Lynne Wilson Orr, *LAAF (Latin American Adoptive Families)*  
Adoption resources: Alison Pentland-Folk, *SPARK (Support for Parents Adopting & Raising Real World Kids)*; adoptive parent (Romania)

## Adoption from A – Z <sup>(S)</sup>

Trends in adoption today: Pat Fenton, *Adoption Council of Ontario*  
Making the transition from infertility to adoption: Louise La Rocca, adoptive parent (newborn from Hungary, toddler from Russia)  
The homestudy: Betty Ann Streeter, Social Worker & Licensee  
Adopting privately in Ontario: Roz & Bruce Schepers, adoptive parents (newborn in an open adoption)  
Adopting through a public agency: Diane Lametti, adoptive parent (older baby & toddler through the *Catholic CAS*)  
Adopting internationally: Kathleen Yukishige, adoptive parent (China)  
Breastfeeding your adopted baby: Catherine Clute, adoptive mom  
The birth parent experience: A birth mother  
Growing up adopted: An adoptee

## Adoption Today <sup>(S)</sup>

Making the transition from infertility to adoption: Louise La Rocca, Adoptive parent (newborn from Hungary, toddler from Russia)  
Adopting through the Children's Aid Society: Wilma Burke, *CAS*  
Private & International Adoption: Pat Fenton, *Adoption Council of Ont.*  
The homestudy process: Sharon Gollert, MSW, Social Worker  
Adoptive parents' experiences with local adoption: A toddler through *CAS*; siblings through the *Adoption Resource Exchange*; a newborn in a private, open adoption  
Adoptive parents' experiences with international adoption: A newborn from the USA using the Internet; a toddler from Russia; a toddler from China as a single woman  
Growing up adopted: Dianne Mathes, adoptee, adoption therapist  
The birth parent experience: Birth parents  
Parenting in adoption: Pat Fenton

## Options in Adoption Today <sup>(S)</sup>

Options in adoption: Pat Fenton, *Adoption Council of Ontario*  
The homestudy: Sofie Stergianis, Social Worker  
Personal Stories: Adoptive parents – Adopting cross-racially; local private adoption & *CAS*; an older child from the *CAS* & Russia; China

## Adopting from China (video) <sup>(S)</sup>

Overview of the Process: Deborah Maw, Adoptive parent; Executive Director, *Open Arms To International Adoption* agency  
Why Choose China? Panel of adoptive parents  
The homestudy process: Joan Schettler, MSW, Adoption Social Worker  
Video of 1 family's adoption journey to China

## Adopting from China (audio) <sup>(S)</sup>

Intro: Laura Cowan, Adoptive parent (China)  
Adoption in China: Bonnie Maddever, *Soc. Formons Une Famille*  
Doing a homestudy for China: Sharon Gollert, Social Worker  
The paper chase: Bonnie Maddever  
Personal stories re adopting from China & resources for parents adopting as a couple & as a single woman.

## Adopting from Eastern Europe <sup>(S)</sup>

Intro: Joanne Orloff, Adoptive parent (Romania)  
The homestudy: Sheila Neuburger, Social Worker  
Russia & Romania: Angela Galcsó, Adoption facilitator  
Personal stories re adopting from Eastern Europe

## Adopting from Latin America <sup>(S)</sup>

The homestudy: Betty Ann Streeter, Social Worker  
The process: Beryl Mercer, LLB, *Saint Anne Adoption Centre*  
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## Adopting in Ontario <sup>(S)</sup>

Intro: Diane Lametti, Adoptive parent (older baby through the *Catholic CAS*)  
*Adoption Council of Ontario*: Pat Fenton, Executive Director  
*Catholic Children's Aid Society*: Margaret O'Reilly  
*Children's Aid Society*: Susan Froelich  
*Jewish Family & Child Services*: Susan Brandes  
*Children's Resource & Consultation Centre*: Michael Blugerman

## Adopting Internationally <sup>(S)</sup>

Intro: Diane Lametti, Adoptive parent  
Homestudy approval: Joan Webber, Adoption Unit, *Ontario Ministry of Community & Social Services*  
Foreign adoption: Katherin Jones, Editor, *Adoption Helper* magazine  
*LAAF (Latin American Adoptive Families)*: Lynne Wilson Orr  
*SPARK (Support for Parents Adopting & Raising Real World Kids)*: Alison Pentland-Folk

## Adopting through a Public Agency <sup>(S)</sup>

Nancy Dale, Adoption Supervisor, *Children's Aid Society*: Eligibility, the process, the homestudy, children available  
Personal stories: Adoptive parents

## Adopting from Russia <sup>(S)</sup>

The *Caring Homes for Orphan Children (CHOC)* adoption agency: Yosafit Yarmush, Executive Director  
The adoption process: Anna Kharkhourin, Program Manager, CHOC  
The role of the adoption practitioner before, during & after the adoption: Dagmar Niffeler, MSW, Adoption Social Worker  
Adoptive families share their experiences: Adoptive mother & adoptee  
Closing Comments: Henry Gotfryd, Admin Manager, CHOC  
'From Russia with love' (documentary about adopting from Russia)

## Open Adoption <sup>(S)</sup>

Intro: Gail Dobbs & Barry Silverman, Adoptive parents (from USA)  
Jennie Painter, *Adoption Resource & Counselling Services* The philosophy behind open adoption. How openness can benefit all members of the adoption triangle. The changing relationship between the birth parents, adoptive parents & the child.  
An open adoption story: Birthmother & adoptive parents