SUMA FERTILITY

Guide for

intended parents



EGG DONATION AND COMPREHENSIVE SUPPORT

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Welcome

Taking the step toward parenthood through egg donation often brings questions, excitement, and sometimes a sense of overwhelm. At Suma Fertility, we want you to feel clarity, safety, and genuine support in every decision.

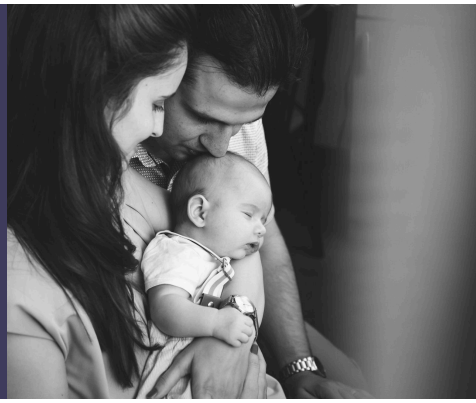
Our purpose is to make the process as fair and satisfying as possible for everyone involved: intended parents, donors, and, when applicable, gestational carriers.



Who we are

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I was a donor first.



Suma Fertility was created to do things differently: more human, more transparent, and more flexible. Our founder began as an egg donor; she experienced the beautiful side (helping families, traveling, growing) and also the difficult side.

Through close friends in the LGBTQ+ community and friends dealing with infertility, she saw firsthand the fears, doubts, and obstacles: unclear information, endless timelines, inflated prices, and impersonal agencies.

From that learning, Suma was born: **comprehensive support, tailored solutions, and real care** for donors and families.





More than a donor agency

We don't "sell" a single path. We analyze your case and build the optimal route with you, recommending clinics, attorneys, and, if needed, surrogacy in the right country. By collaborating with multiple professionals and jurisdictions, we can propose the best combination within the legal framework, timelines, and requirements of your situation.

And of course, we are excellent at what we do best: high-quality donors. We select and care for every profile, and if we don't have what you're looking for, we launch a tailored search.

A clinic will offer you its treatment; we help you compare options and choose what truly fits you. If you arrive thinking there is only one option, we may uncover alternatives that match you better.

Our role: judgment, independence, and coordination.





What is egg donation?

Egg donation is a process in which a woman (the donor) takes hormonal medication to mature multiple eggs, which are retrieved through an outpatient procedure under sedation. In the laboratory, the eggs are fertilized (IVF/ICSI), embryos are cultured, and then transferred or vitrified (frozen) for later use, by a recipient or a gestational carrier.

Typical stimulation length

9 to 14 days.

Monitoring

Ultrasounds and bloodwork every 2–3 days to adjust the dosage.

Risks

Modern protocols and close monitoring minimize complications (for example, ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome, OHSS).

This is a general description; each clinic defines its protocol based on the case.



Our donors

Quality over quantity. Many agencies show “thousands of profiles” because they don’t filter. That can lead to cancellations due to availability, poor information, or irrelevant profiles. We prioritize quality.

Rigorous selection

Health, maturity, commitment, and a meaningful differentiator: university studies or, alternatively, a standout profile due to entrepreneurship, talent, a proven track record, or a healthy lifestyle.

Real knowledge of each donor

We speak with them, maintain ongoing communication, and reduce surprises (no-shows, inconsistencies, etc.).

Verification and support

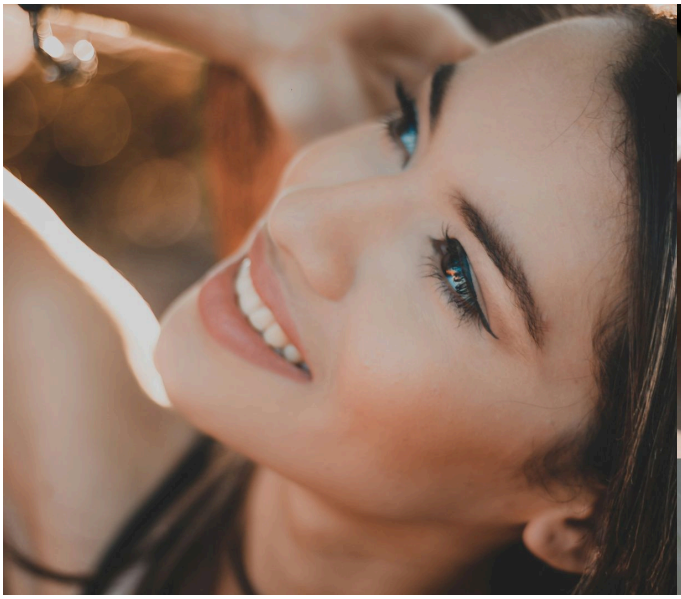
Testing, medication supervision, logistics, and specific medical insurance.

Transparency for intended parents

If the case requires it and the donor agrees, we can provide videos and even video calls.

On-demand search

If you don’t see your match among active profiles, we initiate a tailored search based on your requirements.





The process with Suma, at a glance

The big picture, before the details.

1. **Initial consultation and case analysis.** We define what services you need: egg donation only, or also clinic, attorneys, surrogacy, embryo transfer... We can also adapt if you want to schedule the cycle months ahead, or even up to a year.
2. **Donor selection**, with the option of a temporary hold.
3. **Clinic selection** (if you don't have one) and a coordinated plan.
4. **Legal guidance and attorney selection**: each party with their own counsel.
5. **Medical Clearance:** the medical approval issued by the clinic.
6. **Legal Clearance:** the egg donation agreement signed by the parties.
7. **Travel plan and logistics**, plus medication supervision.
8. **Egg retrieval and delivery of the eggs** to the clinic.
9. **Surrogacy, if applicable:** agency, carrier agreement, embryo transfer, and international coordination.
10. **Ongoing support and closeout** of the case.

Strategic guidance for international surrogacy

At Suma Fertility, we do not treat surrogacy as an “add-on” or an automatic decision. We approach it for what it truly is: a complex, deeply personal choice with medical, legal, financial, and emotional implications.

Our role is not to push you toward a particular country, model, or agency, but to help you understand whether surrogacy is appropriate for your case, when it makes sense to consider it, and which jurisdiction best fits your situation.

When does it make sense to consider surrogacy?

Some common scenarios in which we provide surrogacy guidance:

- Absence of a uterus or a medical inability to carry a pregnancy.
- Serious medical risks for the person who would otherwise carry.
- Male couples or single intended parents.
- Recurrent implantation failure or recurrent pregnancy loss.
- Long-term family planning (for example, freezing embryos now and pursuing pregnancy later).

Each case is assessed individually. Not every path is right for every person.

Jurisdictions and models: how they differ

Surrogacy is not the same in every country. Key differences include:

- Legal framework and parentage recognition.
- Eligibility requirements for intended parents (marital status, sexual orientation, nationality).
- Pre-birth vs. post-birth legal protections.
- Timelines, costs, and payment structure.
- Level of protection for the gestational carrier.

We explain these differences clearly and help you compare real options, avoiding decisions based solely on price or simplified promises.

Coordination with specialized agencies and professionals

Suma Fertility does not replace a surrogacy agency or a law firm, but we do act as an expert coordinator and trusted filter:

- We connect you with vetted surrogacy agencies in jurisdictions where the process is legal and safe.
- We coordinate work between the clinic, attorneys, surrogacy agency, and laboratory.
- We support planning for embryo transport if treatment and pregnancy take place in different countries.

Our goal is for the process to be aligned, structured, and free of contradictions between providers.

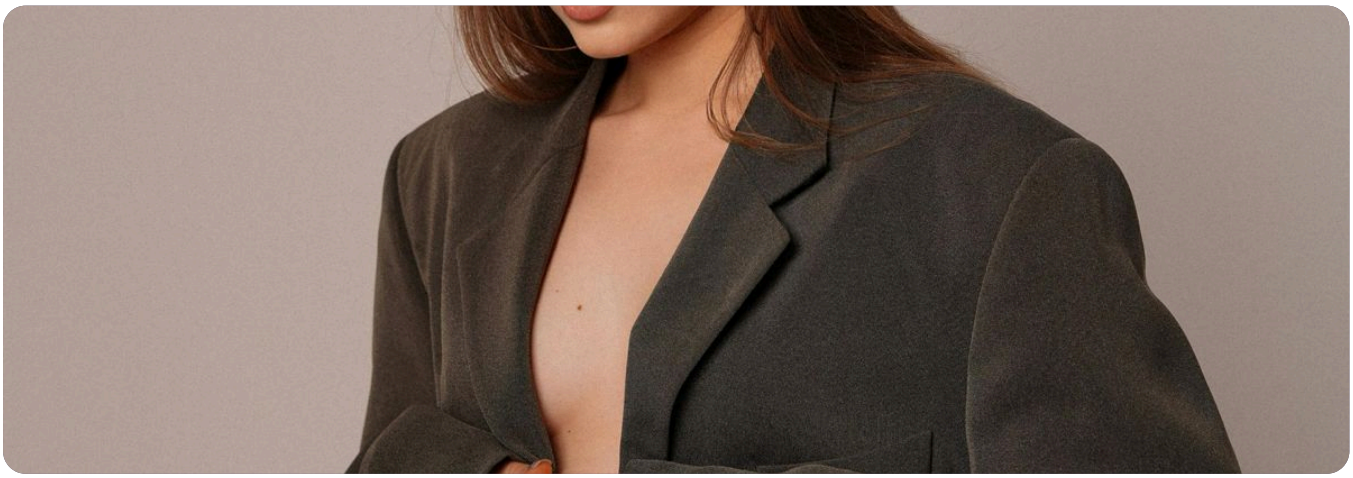
What we don't do

- We do not recommend surrogacy when it isn't necessary.
- We do not work with models or countries that do not offer sufficient legal security.
- We do not promise unrealistic timelines or guaranteed outcomes.
- We do not make medical or legal decisions for you.

What we do offer

- Independent judgment.
- Clear, honest information, even when it's not what you hoped to hear.
- Ongoing support in decision-making: before, during, and after the process.

> *Surrogacy is not just another step within fertility treatment; it is a life project. Our commitment is to help you navigate it with clarity, structure, and professional support from the very beginning.*



The stages of egg donation, step by step

Timelines are approximate and may vary depending on your case, clinic, and country.

8.1 Donor selection and reservation · 1–2 weeks, depending on your decision

We show you profiles aligned with your criteria. You can temporarily reserve a profile while you confirm your clinic or attorney, or discuss it as a couple. If you don't find what you're looking for, we start a tailored search based on your requirements.

8.2 Agreement with Suma · 3–5 days

This formalizes our coordination: services, conditions, payments, and policies. It is different from the legal agreement with the donor.

8.3 Initial deposit and funds structure · see section 10

You cover the agency fee and initial expenses (estimated travel, insurance, testing, legal). Donor compensation is deposited later, or everything is handled through escrow.

8.4 Donor medical testing · 2–8 weeks

Genetic testing, hormonal labs (including AMH), infectious disease screening, ultrasounds, and clinical evaluation. The duration depends on the country, appointment availability, and sometimes coordination with her cycle.

8.5 Legal Clearance · 1 week

Independent attorneys draft and review the Egg Donation Agreement (assignment, confidentiality, compensation, future use, exceptional scenarios). Once signed, Legal Clearance is issued.

8.6 Travel plan and logistics · 1–2 weeks, subject to availability

Flights, hotel, transfers, per diem, and support. If there is a gestational carrier and the cycle is fresh, we coordinate the shared timeline; if you vitrify, we schedule retrieval and fertilization afterward.

8.7 Arrival and monitoring · a few days before retrieval

Initial appointments and final dosage adjustments at the clinic.

8.8 Ovarian stimulation · 9–14 days

Monitoring every 2–3 days (ultrasound and bloodwork). We supervise medication adherence and the donor's wellbeing.

8.9 Egg retrieval · day 0

Outpatient procedure under sedation. The eggs go to the lab for fertilization and embryo culture.

8.10 After retrieval · days 1–6

- Embryo culture to day 3 or 5.
- PGT-A (optional; we recommend it unless the medical team advises otherwise).
- Vitrification or transfer (to a recipient or gestational carrier), depending on the plan.

8.11 Surrogacy · if applicable, in parallel or after vitrification

- We present reliable surrogacy options in jurisdictions where it is legal.
- We coordinate with specialized attorneys (the carrier's country and the destination country).
- Embryo transport between clinics or countries (requirements, chain of custody, documentation).
- Support throughout the journey with the gestational carrier.

8.12 Closeout and next steps

Documentation and invoices are closed out; if you wish, we plan future cycles or transfers.



What if I don’t have a clinic or an attorney yet?

Perfect: we present several options side by side (location, language, costs, timelines, patient experience) and help you decide. Our goal is not for you to adapt to a provider, but to adapt the team to your case.



Finances, legal, and risks

Financial management, in detail. There are two fund-management options.

A) Direct payment to Suma

with the option to split payments

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First payment, upon signing with Suma

Includes the agency fee, estimated travel and lodging, donor medical insurance, initial medical testing, and legal costs (drafting and review). It does not yet include donor compensation.

2

Second payment: donor compensation

Deposited once Medical Clearance is obtained and travel is scheduled (or, at the latest, at the first clinic visit). Released on the day of retrieval, per contract.



B) Escrow account: a single payment

one total payment released by milestones

What it is

An account managed by a neutral third party (company or attorney) that holds your funds and releases payments only when contractual milestones are met.

Typical milestones (example)

Legal Clearance · purchase of flights and hotel · start of stimulation · retrieval.

Benefits

Neutrality, timeline control, visibility into transactions, and protection for all parties.

Cost

Using escrow carries an additional fixed fee charged by the managing entity.

Transparency in both cases

- Invoices and proof of all expenses.
- Refund of any surplus if actual costs are lower than estimated.
- Any unexpected expense is discussed with you before approval.



Legal aspects by jurisdiction

Medical Clearance is clinical (issued by the clinic). The legal component consists of contracts and consents, which vary by the country or state of treatment.

Egg donation: typical agreements

- **Egg Donation Agreement (parents and donor):** irrevocable assignment after retrieval, compensation, confidentiality, future use (vitrification, disposition of embryos), exceptional scenarios and cancellations, governing law, and jurisdiction.
- **Clinical consents:** medical authorization, privacy, and storage.
- Independent legal representation for each party (donor and parents), in a language they understand.

If there is surrogacy

- **Contract with the gestational carrier (and, if applicable, her spouse or partner), with independent attorneys for all parties:** governs payments, risks, medical decision-making, insurance, confidentiality, jurisdiction, and parentage orders (pre- or post-birth, depending on the country or state).
- **International transport of embryos or eggs:** traceability requirements, biosecurity and customs, medical documentation, and chain of custody.

What we do: we connect you with specialized attorneys in the country of treatment (and in your country of residence when advisable), for a secure legal framework with no surprises.

Cancellation policy and special situations

We seek solutions that are fair to everyone.

A) Causes unrelated to the donor · clinic criteria, force majeure

- Replacement with no new agency fee.
- Costs already incurred (flights, testing, legal fees) are refunded only if the provider allows it.

B) Donor-attributable noncompliance · no-show, failure to follow instructions

- Replacement with no new agency fee.
- The donor does not receive compensation; minimal justified expenses may be paid if applicable (per contract).

C) Cancellation at an advanced stage · travel started or stimulation underway

- A symbolic partial compensation for the donor's time and effort may be considered, agreed upon and proportional to progress.

D) If you cancel without a medical or legal cause

- Third-party costs already incurred are not refunded.
- Transparent reconciliation and refund of any surplus.

E) If there is an alternative clinic or rescheduling

- We adjust logistics and prioritize a new date or center when needed.

Frequently asked questions

Why work with Suma and not only with a clinic?

Because we compare and coordinate options across different countries; we have high-quality donors, and if we don't find your ideal match, we search for it. In addition, if for any reason the cycle cannot proceed with your chosen donor, we provide another donor without charging a new agency fee. We add independence, a professional network (clinics, attorneys, surrogacy agencies), and clear financial management, including escrow.

How long does everything take?

For egg donation, approximately 1–4 months: selection 1–2 weeks, testing and Medical Clearance 2–8 weeks, legal 1–2 weeks, and stimulation and retrieval 2–3 weeks. If you add surrogacy, timelines increase depending on the jurisdiction. We are fully flexible: we can schedule the cycle even for a year from now if you prefer.

Can we use our own clinic or attorney?

Yes. We coordinate with your team or propose side-by-side alternatives.

Can I speak with the donor?

If the donor agrees and the law and contract allow it, we can arrange a video call.

How is the donor protected?

With clear information, medical insurance, clinical follow-up, well-managed logistics, and independent legal counsel for her.

What about international transport of embryos or eggs?

We advise you on requirements, documentation, and specialized providers.

Do you guarantee a number of eggs?

It isn't possible to guarantee this; it depends on each donor's biology. We select profiles with a strong prognosis and monitor closely to optimize outcomes. In the exceptional case that no healthy embryo is obtained, we will match you with another donor at no additional agency fee. And if you have a specific goal (for example, wanting two children or planning multiple attempts), we explore solutions and adapt: we reflect the different possible scenarios in the contract to ensure maximum clarity and increase the likelihood of meeting your goal.



Testimonials



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We came in convinced it had to be the U.S., no matter what. With Suma we compared pathways and budgets across several countries. There were weeks of endless paperwork, but there was always someone explaining why, and what to expect next.”



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We were worried the donor might cancel at the last minute (it happened to us with another agency). Here we felt real follow-up: they spoke with her, confirmed schedules, and kept us updated on everything. Even so, one lab test took longer than expected and we had to change dates while the gestational carrier was already waiting, but Suma handled it calmly.”

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We wanted to vitrify and wait until we had a gestational carrier. Suma coordinated the lab and then the embryo transport. It was less stressful than we expected, although customs asked for extra documents and gave us a scare; they solved it with the attorneys.”



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We live abroad and the language barrier was huge. With Suma we had translation, calls at odd hours, and clear comparisons of clinics and attorneys. Not everything was fast, but it was transparent. We also had very specific requirements for a donor and couldn’t find her anywhere; they started a search for us and in less than a month we found her.”





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We requested a video call with the donor and a short video. We appreciated that they protected her privacy without closing the door. We liked that balance.”



Next steps

1. Initial consultation call.
2. Access to active profiles and, if you wish, a reservation.
3. We define the services: donation only, clinic, attorneys, surrogacy, transport.
4. Agreement with Suma and operational kickoff.





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Legal notice

This guide is informational and does not replace medical or legal advice. Suma Fertility coordinates and supports; it is not a clinic or a law firm. Medical and legal decisions are made with qualified professionals, under the applicable law and the jurisdiction of treatment.

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