

SEMINARS & DOCUMENTARIES (A detailed list)

(Format: S = seminar, D = documentary)

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INFERTILITY

Age & Fertility: What are My Options ^(S)

Adoption: Katherin Jones, Editor, *Adoption Helper*

Childfree living: Sharon Corder, Actor & Writer

Medical treatment: Dr. Perry Phillips, *IVF Canada*

Anger & Grief ^(S)

Understanding grief: Margaret Ann. Fitzpatrick-Hanley, Counsellor

Anger/Communication: Theresa Wetzel, RN; Infertility Counsellor

Personal experiences: Panel discussion:

Becoming Informed ^(S)

Cecile Barington, MEd (Counselling): The *Mind-Body Fertility Program*

Dr. Tom Hannam, RE, *START Clinic* [Lifequest]: Using the Internet to enhance your fertility knowledge

Susie Langley, Registered Dietician: The nutrition & fertility connection

Causes & Treatments of Infertility ^(S)

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 ^(S)

Charting temperature & mucus: Lisa Leger, *Fertility Management Svcs*

Acupuncture: Ilya Nudelman, DC

Shiatsu: Tim Phillips, CST

Naturopathy: Marilyn May, ND

Coping with Infertility ^(S)

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 ^(S)

Spirituality & infertility: Rev. Morar Murray-Hayes

Coping with the holidays: Dr. Nina Josefowitz, Psychologist

Dealing with Doctors ^(S)

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 ^(S)

An interactive workshop on the impact of infertility on relationships:

Susan Aaron, Psychotherapist

Comments & personal stories: The audience

Endometriosis & Infertility ^(S)

Medical & surgical Treatment: Dr. Kay Lie

Endometriosis Association: Kathy Chabot

Chinese medical treatment: David Bray, DCM

Naturopathic treatment: Sat Dharan Kaur, ND

Enhancing Fertility ^(S)

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 ^(S)

Workplace issues: Harriet Simand, Lawyer

Communicating with family/friends: Jane Graham, RN, MEd

Panel discussion: Personal experiences

Fertility Drugs & Treatments ^(S)

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 [Now Glen Shields] Pharmacy*: Pricing, purchase options

Fertility Drugs & Ovarian Cancer ^(S)

Dr. Jim Martin, Infertility Specialist, *London Health Sciences Centre*

Dr. Barry Rosen, Ovarian Cancer Program, *Toronto Hospital*

Michelle Mullen, Research Associate, *U of T Centre for Bioethics*

His & Her Responses to Infertility ^(S)

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 Franz Dale, Social Worker & Counsellor in private practice

I'm Not Pregnant Yet; What Next? ^(S)

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 [CRATE]

Infertility & Your Marriage ^(S)

An interactive workshop on the effect of infertility on relationships:

Susan Aaron, Psychotherapist

Comments & personal stories: The audience

Infertility: To Have a Child ^(D)

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 ^(S)

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? ^(S)

Intro to IVF: Dr. James Martin, *London Health Sciences Centre (LHSC)*
 ICSI: Dr. Scot Hamilton, *ISIS Regional Fertility Centre*
 IVF at a satellite clinic: Ginette Hamel, *Chicoutimi Hospital*
 Assisted hatching: Jim Meriano, Embryologist, *START Clinic [LifeQuest]*
 Genetic screening: Teresa Barry Longley, *Toronto Andrology Centre*
 Parenting multiples: Sherry Thiessen, *Triplets, Quads, Quints Assocn*
 Understanding IVF success rates: Chris Newton, PhD, *LHSC*
 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, LHSC*
 Trends & research: Dr. Cliff Librach, *Women's College Fertility Centre [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 Franz Dale, MSW, Infertility Counsellor

Medical & Naturopathic Treatment; & Coping Strategies ^(S)

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

The Mind-Body Connection ^(S)

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 & Edn Pgm, *Women's Health Centre*

Miscarriage: Causes, Treatments & Emotions ^(S)

Causes & treatments: Dr. Carl Laskin, *START Clinic [Lifequest]*
 Healthy mourning: Anne Smith, *Perinatal Bereavement Services*

A Naturopathic Approach To Treatment ^(S)

A personal experience: Ema Nardella
 Naturopathy: Daria Love, ND

Pathways to Parenthood ^(D)

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 ^(S)

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 ^(S)

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 ^(S)

Causes & treatments: Dr. Carol Redmond, *START Clinic [Lifequest]*
 Panel discussion: Personal stories

Surviving the Challenge ^(S)

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? ^(S)

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 or Info Kit for details.)

Building Families through Donor Conception: The Personal, Professional & Public Policy Issues ^(S)

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*; Author, *Experiences of Donor Conception: Parents, Offspring & Donors through the Years*.

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, his sister & niece

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 Franz Dale, MSW, Social Worker; *Hamilton Health Sciences Centre*, *START Clinic* [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 ^(S)

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 ^(D)

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 ^(S)

Making the decision: Sherry Franz Dale, 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 ^(S)

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

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

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

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

Panel Discussion: Parents through egg & sperm donation

Egg & Sperm Donation ^(S)

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
- Professor 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 Franz Dale, MSW
 - Bill Cordray
 - Shirley Pratten

Egg, Sperm & Embryo Donation ^(S)

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 Franz Dale, 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 Franz Dale, MSW

The Future of Donor Conception: Where Do We Go From Here? ^(S)

Single mothers by choice: Mikki Morrissette, (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 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

Getting It Right: Putting Ethics at the Core of Gamete Donation Practice ^(S)

Phyllis Creighton, Historian. Ethicist. Former member, Health Canada Advisory Committee on Reproductive & Genetic Technologies.

The Real Voices of Donor Conception: The Offspring

- Karen Clark (USA) : When the children grow up
 - Rob Hunter (Canada): The dangers of not telling
 - Kathleen LaBounty (USA): Searching for my sperm donor father
- Loving & Supporting Our Children: The Parents
- Eric Schwartzman (USA): Life as dad to DI kids
 - Marilyn Weisdorf: Using the *Office of the Ontario Information & Privacy Commissioner* to access medical records
 - Shirley Pratten (Canada), *New Reproductive Alternatives Society*: The human consequences when ethics are not at the core of gamete donation

Sperm Donation Practice in Canada

- Heather Brooks, Outreach Health Services (Xytex distributor)
- Dr. Alphonso Del Valle, Repromed sperm bank

Ending Donor Anonymity: What Next? 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 and Third Party Assisted Conception Across Cultures*

Why Canada's Parliament Kept Donor Anonymity in the Assisted Human Reproduction (AHR) Act: Alison Motluk, Journalist & Broadcaster

Donated Generation: The Debate Over Anonymity & Open Donors:

Cheryl Miller (USA), Writer & blogger for the New Atlantis
LGBT Perspectives on the AHR Act: Rachel Epstein, Coordinator, *LGBT Parenting Network*, Toronto

Telling & talking to children about Donor Conception: Olivia Montuschi, *Donor Conception Network (UK)*. Mother of 2 young adults conceived via anonymous DI.

Educating, Connecting & Supporting Donor Families: Wendy Kramer (USA), *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.

What Can We Learn from Adoption: Karen Lynn, Ontario Coalition for Open Adoption Records (COAR)

An Identity-Release System ^(S)

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 ^(S)

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 Franz Dale, 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 ^(S)

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 ^(D)

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 ^(S)

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? ^(S)

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 ^(S)

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 ^(S)

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? ^(S)

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 ^(S)

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, *LAAP (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 ^(S)

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 ^(S)

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 ^(S)

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) ^(S)

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) ^(S)

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 ^(S)

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

Adopting from Latin America ^(S)

The homestudy: Betty Ann Streeter, Social Worker
The process: Beryl Mercer, LLB, *Saint Anne Adoption Centre*
Personal stories re adopting from Latin America

Adopting in Ontario ^(S)

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 ^(S)

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

LAFF (Latin American Adoptive Families): Lynne Wilson Orr

SPARK (Support for Parents Adopting & Raising Real World Kids): Alison Pentland-Folk

Adopting through a Public Agency ^(S)

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

Personal stories: Adoptive parents

Adopting from Russia ^(S)

The *Caring Homes for Orphan Children (CHOC)* adoption agency: Yosaif 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 ^(S)

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