

Targeting College Women for Egg “Donation”



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- *Five years after a trade group tried reining them in, fertility clinics and brokers are bidding up prices for eggs sold by cash-strapped college women with top test scores and picture-perfect looks.*
- *~USA Today 3/15/06*

- *If you're a healthy woman in your twenties and you're in college, your eggs are in high demand. ~*
Diamondback Online 3/3/06

UC Berkeley Newspaper



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SPECIAL EGG DONOR NEEDED

Preferred Donor will meet the following criteria:

Height Approximately 5'9 or Taller

Caucasian

S.A.T. Score Around 1275 or High A.C.T.

College Student or Graduate Under 30

Athletic

No Genetic Medical Issues

COMPENSATION \$80,000

Paid to you and/or the charity of your choice

All related expenses will be paid in addition to your compensation

(Extra compensation available for someone who might be especially gifted
in athletics, science/mathematics or music)

For more information or to obtain an application please contact
Michelle at the Law Offices (866) 330-6036 or email Donorinfo@pacbell.net

*This ad is being placed for a particular client and is not soliciting eggs for a donor bank.

UC San Francisco



Chinese Donor - Urgent! Young Chinese Egg Donor Needed. Remuneration: \$100,000.00 and Negotiable. Loving & Caring Chinese Family is looking for healthy, young (under 32), highly intelligent, Chinese egg donor.



Miscellaneous

100% JEWISH ASHKENAZI EGG DONOR NEEDED We are seeking women who have blue-green eyes, are under the age of 29, SAT 1300+, physically fit and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. If you have a desire to help an infertile family and would like more information please contact us. \$20,000 (PLUS ALL EXPENSES)

What is egg donation?

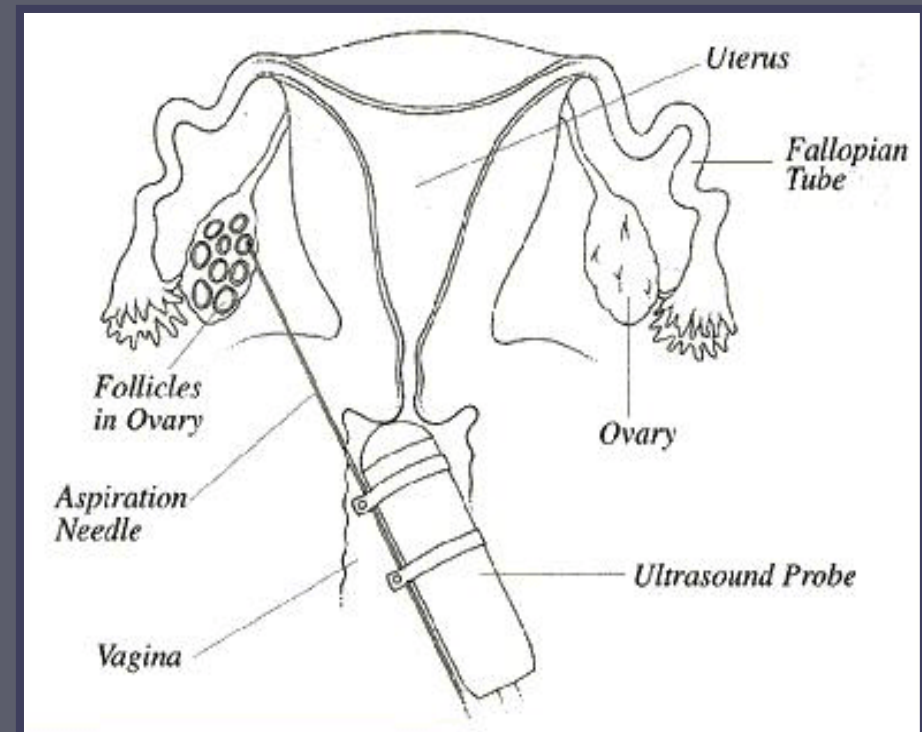


- Part of Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART) industry
- Egg donor recruited when woman doing *in vitro* fertilization can't conceive using her own eggs
- Recruited through fertility clinic, egg broker, or private party
- Process involves recruitment and psychological screening
- Procedure involves hormonal stimulation and surgery

Egg retrieval process



- Women inject daily hormones to first “shut down” and then “hyperstimulate” their ovaries to produce multiple eggs
- When egg follicles are mature, self-injection of 3rd hormone to trigger ovulation



- Surgery under light anesthesia

Concerns



- Health risks of egg retrieval process
- Commercialization: disturbing market in eggs
- Commodification of women's reproductive tissue
- Lack of regulation of ART industry in general, egg retrieval in particular
- Latest development: scientists using women's eggs for research cloning (stem cell research)

What can we do?



- EDUCATION

- Process and risks
- Focus on college/university campuses

- POLICY AREAS

- Alternatives to hormonally stimulated egg retrieval
- Standards of care
- Data on health effects
- Compensation limits?