

RESOLUTION 12.2021-15 (A-22)
SERIAL (REPEATED) SPERM DONORS

ISMS Board Action Taken on 10/22/2022

Adopted Substitute Resolution 12.2021-15 (A-22) in lieu of Resolution 12.2021-15 (A-22), as recommended by the Council on Medical Service.

Council on Medical Service Recommendation to ISMS Board on 10/22/2022

The Council discussed this resolution at each of its last two meetings, and postponed a recommendation in order to gather additional information.

The Council recognized that medical genetics are playing an increasing role in the consequences of gamete and embryo donation, and that ethical issues continue to emerge as human genome information becomes more widespread. Council members were provided with copies of the American Medical Association's Ethical Opinion on Gamete Donation, as well as extensive guidance on gamete and embryo donation from the American Society of Reproductive Medicine.

Several members expressed concerns that it is beyond the purview of a state medical society to recommend new policy regarding the continued escalation of DNA and gene testing, and the psychological impact of learning about many unknown half siblings or half cousins. Members felt strongly that this issue is insufficiently addressed in existing AMA and specialty society policy and guidelines, and were supportive of a substitute resolution that calls on the AMA and other relevant medical organizations to consider updates to their existing policies and guidelines. The Council, thus, recommends a substitute resolution.

The Council on Medical Service recommends that the ISMS Board of Trustees adopt Substitute Resolution 12.2021-15 (A-22) in lieu of Resolution 12.2021-15 (A-22):

RESOLVED, that the ISMS introduce a resolution to the American Medical Association (AMA) House of Delegates that urges the AMA and other relevant national medical specialty societies to study the further elaboration of potential risks associated with allowing sperm from a single donor to be used to conceive children by multiple recipients, and make recommendations for additional policies to minimize these risks.