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MEDICAL UPDATE LETTER FOR DONOR #14206 (FRITZ) - 2025-11-17

A child conceived with this donor was born with bilateral clubfoot.

To Whom it May Concern,

We are writing to provide a medical update regarding Donor #14206 (Fritz).

Updated Medical Information:

Seattle Sperm Bank was recently notified that a child conceived using donor #14206 (Fritz) was born with bilateral clubfoot. A chromosomal microarray genetic test was completed for the child and was normal. There is no history of clubfoot in either the donor's family or the egg source's family.

Clubfoot:

A clubfoot is a birth defect in which a baby's foot is turned inward. Bilateral means that both feet are affected. The severity of clubfoot can vary, and treatment may include a combination of corrective stretching, taping, casting, bracing, and/or surgeries.

Clubfoot occurs in approximately 1 in 1,000 births (0.1%) and is more common in males than females. Most cases of clubfoot are isolated, meaning they are not associated with other developmental or birth differences. Isolated clubfoot is generally thought to be multifactorial in cause, occurring as a result of multiple genetic and environmental influences. A smaller proportion of cases are syndromic, meaning the clubfoot occurs as part of a broader genetic condition. When one individual in a family is diagnosed with isolated bilateral clubfoot, the chance for a full sibling to also be affected is approximately 3%. For a biological half-sibling, the risk is also elevated but is likely less than 1%.

Interpretation:

Children conceived using sperm from donor #14206 (Fritz) may have an increased risk of clubfoot, compared to the general population risk.

Please share this letter with your doctors and/or child's pediatrician. If Seattle Sperm Bank receives additional new medical information that would impact the risk of birth defects in children of this donor, we will notify you by sending a follow-up letter. Please notify Seattle Sperm Bank of births and or pregnancies beyond the first trimester using [SSB's birth reporting webpage](#) and notify the genetics team if your child has been diagnosed with any birth defects or neurological differences.

Do not hesitate to reach out if questions arise or if clarification would be helpful. You are welcome to schedule a phone consultation with one of Seattle Sperm Bank's certified genetic counselors if you would like to discuss this information over the phone.

In partnership,

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