

MEDICAL UPDATE LETTER FOR DONOR #14206 (FRITZ) - 2026-03-02

A child conceived using donor #14206 (Fritz) was reported to have esophageal atresia and fistula.

To Whom it May Concern,

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

This letter is intended for all recipients and facilities who have purchased vials from donor #14206 (Fritz). The genetic counseling team at Seattle Sperm Bank is available to speak with patients and clinicians regarding this new finding.

Birth defects affect 3-5% of babies in the United States. Most birth defects occur sporadically, without a family history. After Seattle Sperm Bank is notified of a birth defect in a child resulting from a sperm donor, the genetics team collects medical information from the reporting recipient and investigates the donor's personal and family medical history. If Seattle Sperm Bank determines that the risk for the birth defect to occur in half-siblings of the affected child is increased beyond that of the general population, a medical update letter is provided to all recipients of the sperm donor.

Updated Medical Information:

Seattle Sperm Bank was recently notified that a child resulting from donor #14206 (Fritz) was born with esophageal atresia with tracheoesophageal fistula (EA/TEF). The condition required surgical repair in the neonatal period.

Donor #14206 (Fritz) denies any personal or family history of gastrointestinal defects. A Medical Update Letter regarding bilateral clubfoot in a different child conceived from donor #14206 (Fritz) was sent in November 2025. This is thought to be unrelated.

Esophageal Atresia and Fistula:

Esophageal atresia is a congenital condition in which the esophagus does not form as a continuous tube connecting the mouth to the stomach. A tracheoesophageal fistula is an abnormal connection between the esophagus and the trachea (windpipe). These conditions commonly occur together and typically require surgical correction shortly after birth. EA/TEF occurs in approximately 1 in 2,500 to 4,000 births. In some cases, EA/TEF occurs as part of a broader pattern of anomalies. In other cases, it occurs in isolation. We have not received any information regarding other birth defects or genetic testing in the child affected with esophageal atresia.

Cause and Chance of Recurrence:

Most cases of isolated esophageal atresia are considered sporadic and multifactorial, meaning that a combination of genetic susceptibility and developmental factors likely contributes. When EA/TEF occurs as part of a genetic syndrome, recurrence risk depends on the specific diagnosis. We have not been informed of a confirmed underlying genetic diagnosis in this case. For apparently isolated cases with no identified genetic cause, recurrence risk for future pregnancies or biological half-siblings is considered low, but slightly higher than that of the general population.

Next Steps for Families who have Utilized the Donor:

We encourage you to share this family history update with your child's pediatrician and/or providers involved in your fertility treatment and prenatal care, as additional discussion and/or screening may be warranted. If Seattle Sperm Bank receives additional new medical information that would impact the risk for 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

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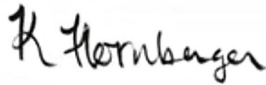
has been diagnosed with any birth defects or neurological differences.

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.

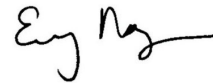
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