



Special Testing Services

At California Cryobank we accommodate requests for additional genetic testing on our donors whenever possible. This process can help to reduce the risk of medical problems in future offspring and help our clients make informed decisions about management of their pregnancies.

How Does Special Testing Work?

1. We strongly recommend that you meet with a genetic counselor to determine which genetic tests on a donor would be appropriate based on your needs. You can locate a genetic counselor in your area at www.nsgc.org under the “Find a Counselor” link.
2. Contact one of our genetic counselors at (877) 743 6384 to discuss your needs and we will inform you about the options available and approximate cost of testing.
 - You may be asked to provide copies of your own genetic test results or a Letter of Medical Necessity from your referring provider so that we can understand the need for your request and/or verify that we are performing the correct test on the donor based on your needs.
3. You will be required to complete a Special Test Request form and return it to our Genetics Department to document the specific test and donor that you would like to be tested and authorize payment for the special test expenses. Forms can be returned to us by fax at: (888) 317 4725.
 - You request must be approved by our Medical Director.
 - We will contact your donor and determine if he is willing and available to have additional genetic testing. As with all routine genetic tests we perform on our donors, the donor will be asked to provide written consent in order for us to proceed with testing.
4. The time frame for completion of special testing is highly variable depending upon the test requested and the availability of the donor. In some cases testing can take several months to complete. It is important to keep this in mind when planning your reproductive procedures.
 - We will inform you of the donor’s approximate time frame for participating in the test, and expected time of results before we proceed with testing. This will allow you to confirm that the time frame is suitable for your needs.
 - **We strongly recommend that you purchase specimens of your donor of interest BEFORE testing is performed. We cannot guarantee that vials will be available for any particular donor at the time that the special test is completed.**
5. You and the donor will be informed of the results when testing is complete.