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Position Statement on the Use of Sex Selection during Assisted Reproductive Technology

Treatment

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The use of Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART) has increased dramatically over the past few decades. The array and power of available technologies has increased to an even greater extent.

In recent years, it has become possible to perform numerous genetic tests on gametes and embryos prior to returning selected embryos to a recipient uterus. Such an approach has been used to save couples from the painful experience of losing a pregnancy or having a child born with a debilitating disease. These testing approaches may also be used to determine the sex of an embryo or sperm cell allowing this information to impact on decisions regarding embryos selected for transfer.

Aside from sex-linked genetic diseases, Canadian law prohibits the use of genetic testing for sex selection for social reasons. The Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society (CFAS) Board of Directors expects its members to respect and to work within our laws.