CFAS POSITION STATEMENT
Gamete Donor Anonymity

Individuals who are the product of fertility treatment using donor gametes (sperm or oocytes) often seek information about or contact with their donor “parent”.

While the Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society (CFAS) acknowledges the compelling rights and needs of the offspring of gamete donors, the Society believes the rights of the donors cannot be ignored. Regardless of individual or majority positions of CFAS members, the Society and its members must obey the law.

The CFAS Board of Directors encourages members involved in both recruiting gamete donors and in offering donor gamete services to their patients to counsel these individuals that they could lose their anonymity and suggest they consider the impact of this loss. The Board is unable to offer an opinion on the potential loss of donor anonymity for cases where offspring already exist.