



Article Side

Addressing the Common Concerns Women Face when Choosing an Egg Bank by
[Julie K Collins](#)

Article published on December 22nd 2011 | [Health](#)

For many women, life turns out to be much different than what was anticipated. With women spending more time in school and settling into their careers, they are waiting longer to start their families. Sometimes, it isn't until a couple is in their late 30s to early 40s before they're ready to have children, and this can be too late to conceive. Fortunately, the science technology behind egg freezing is becoming more advanced and most importantly, more effective. At this time, egg freezing is still considered to be experimental, but is showing favorable results and has produced between two and three thousand babies.

No matter how advanced technology is or how far the medical field has come, we still can't tamper with a female's biological clock. That is why women start to consider if an egg bank is a realistic option for them if they're in their 30s or 40s and still haven't found their partner. For other women, the situation may be more extreme and she may have to undergo cancer treatment, radiotherapy or the removal of her ovaries. No matter the reason, freezing eggs is never a bad idea. It extends a woman's fertility and offers peace of mind that eggs are available when she's ready to start a family. However, egg freezing is not for everyone.

For starters, having your eggs stored in an egg bank is expensive, which is why mostly professional women take advantage of the opportunity. You can expect to pay between \$6,500 to \$15,000 per cycle, and some women may need more than one to collect enough viable eggs. Plus there is the cost to store the eggs, and when you are ready to use them, you will need to pay for the IVF procedure. All in all, it's a costly endeavor, but most agree that it's worth it. Some women put the total cost of the procedure into perspective and say that it still costs less than a year or two at school.

The next concern that many women have is if the egg freeze will actually work. Not only is there a great deal of time, money and discomfort that will go into the initial part of the process, but no one wants a false sense of security. There are a few things that every woman who chooses an egg freeze has in her favor. First, egg freezes are the most successful fertility treatments, with success rates as high as 50 percent. Second, with better freezing techniques that freeze the eggs instantly for a reduction in ice crystals, there is a greater chance of preserving more eggs.

That said, there are points to consider when determining the overall success of an egg freeze. Your age is the prime concern, as the 50 percent success rate is for women in their early to mid-30s. After that, the rates go down to 35 percent in your late 30s and then drop even lower. By the time you're in your early 40s, the chances go down to 20 percent. It's important not to let these numbers discourage you, but to understand what the true success rates are for egg freeze patients.

To give yourself the best shot at collecting viable eggs, make sure you choose a reputable egg donor program. A respectable egg bank will have positive results and data to show you. You can view such information as the number of successful pregnancies, how many eggs are collected on average and how many of the eggs survive when they are thawed.

While egg freezing is certainly a way to extend your fertility, keep in mind that it is only an extension. Clinics recommend that you still put a priority on using the eggs, as the procedure is more effective when you are young and the eggs are fresh. If you do decide that an egg bank is for you, know that you are making a wonderful investment in your future family, or taking out an insurance policy on

your fertility as some people like to say.

Article Source:

<http://www.articleside.com/health-articles/addressing-the-common-concerns-women-face-when-choosing-an-egg-bank.htm> - [Article Side](#)

[Julie K Collins](#) - About Author:

Julie Collins writes about infertility issues that people may face today, and the miracles an [egg bank](#) can bring a family. Always looking for leaders in the IVF industry to refer friends and family, she ends up sending them to a <http://www.myeggbank.com> more often than not.

Article Keywords:

donating eggs,egg bank

You can find more [free articles](#) on [Article Side](#). Sign up today and share your knowledge to the community! It is completely FREE!