

Your Surrogate Journey with



Extraordinary
Conceptions

Step by Step



Check Eligibility

We recommend that, before applying, surrogates research their eligibility. There are several legal requirements to becoming a surrogate— this is to protect the surrogate, intended parents, and coming baby. If you're considering surrogacy, have a look at our checklist. If you meet all of the requirements, you can move onto step two.

Congratulations, you meet all the requirements to be a surrogate! It's time for you to submit an application. That can be done right here on our website at your convenience— be sure to use as much detail as possible!

Once you submit your application, you'll get a call from the Extraordinary Conceptions team to answer your queries and discuss your pre-eligibility. We'll set up an official phone interview during this call, as well. During the application process, we ask potential surrogates to provide 6-10 photographs over email. This is so intended parents can get a better idea of who you are!



Complete Your Application



Surrogacy Admissions Interview

Our initial interview is usually on the phone. The interview lasts between 30-60 minutes and discusses both your surrogate profile as well as the general process. At the end of our chat, you'll be given a post-interview packet to fill out and return. Once that's complete, we can add you to our database.

Let the matching begin! Once you're Available in our database, intended parents can see your profile— you will also be assigned your Surrogacy Coordinator to help facilitate this process. When intended parents select your profile, you'll hear from your coordinator to plan a call to meet them. Following this meeting, you'll all be given time to consider and decide whether it's the right match.



Match With Your Ideal Intended Parents



Medical & Psychological Screening

It's a match! Once you and your intended parents have chosen each other, it's time to make things official. That means you'll need to undergo some tests.

Typically, potential surrogates undergo a psychological evaluation with a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist (LMFT). They will also visit their intended parents' chosen IVF clinic for medical screening, which will include blood work and a full physical. In some cases, your doctor might suggest additional tests. This is all to ensure your utmost health during your potential pregnancy.

Following medical clearance, it's time to begin the legal portion of the surrogacy process. This involves the development of a contract with your intended parents and both your attorneys. Generally, this begins with the intended parents and then moves to your party. The overall process lasts around 2-3 weeks and is paid for by the intended parents.

During this process, you and your intended parents will develop a birth plan. This will ensure a smoother surrogate procedure, particularly on delivery day!



Legal Agreements



Medications and Monitoring

Once the contracts are signed, it's time to prepare for your embryo transfer and eventual pregnancy. First, you will receive a calendar and list of necessary medications from your IVF clinic. In most cases, surrogates begin taking medication 3 weeks before their transfer, but this will differ from clinic to clinic.

Depending on your IVF clinic, your medications might be taken orally, as an intramuscular injection, or as a vaginal suppository. In some cases, surrogates are asked to visit their clinic for lining or blood tests to ensure a proper bodily response to the medication.

It's time for your transfer! This fairly quick and painless procedure will consist of your IVF doctor using a small catheter to insert embryos into your uterus. You are asked to bring a companion with you, and your intended parents may come as well.

At Extraordinary Conceptions, we offer to arrange travel and hotel accommodations for surrogates who are not local to the area, as well as their companion. Following your procedure, you will be advised to take at least a day of bed rest. The exact amount of time will depend on your doctor's recommendation.



Embryo Transfer



Pregnancy & Support

About two weeks after your transfer and bed rest, you'll need to take a beta blood test to determine your body's hCG levels and confirm pregnancy. Once pregnancy has been confirmed, you will schedule your first ultrasound for 4-5 weeks after the initial transfer. This exciting appointment will confirm the fetal heartbeat!

Following this ultrasound, you will be monitored by the IVF clinic until given the go-ahead to "graduate" to an OB/GYN for the rest of your pregnancy.

After months of waiting, the moment has arrived: it's time to deliver! In most cases, surrogates give birth at their local hospital, with the intended parents will be right by their side.

Following delivery, many surrogates remain close friends with their intended parents and have a great relationship with the child they carried. Some love it so much, they even choose to become a surrogate multiple times!



Birth & Postpartum Care

