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## Ricky Martin

*Talks about his love life,  
shirtless selfies & being a dad*



- LGBT Parenting from 1998 to Now
- May is National Foster Care Month



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## Choosing an egg donor for same sex couples

There are many questions that arise when a couple makes the decision to build a family together. It can be an anxious and exciting time for couples and they might need that extra support with guidance through the process. Choosing the right donor is top priority for our same sex couples. There are many steps that we work with you on to get to that point.

Today, there are many options for same sex couples to become a family using an egg donor and gestational carrier. Since gestational surrogacy contracts are legal in the state of Connecticut, it makes our clients feel more at ease.

At New England Fertility our same sex couples begin their journey, with an initial consultation with Dr. Lavy. At this time they have the opportunity to ask questions and have all their concerns addressed.

Dr. Lavy is a leading Doctor in Connecticut that works with same sex couples throughout the United States to help achieve their dream of starting a family. With today's modern technology the initial consultation can be scheduled in-

person or by Skype. The couple will also meet with our egg donor coordinator to go over their donor options and to discuss choosing their gestational carrier.

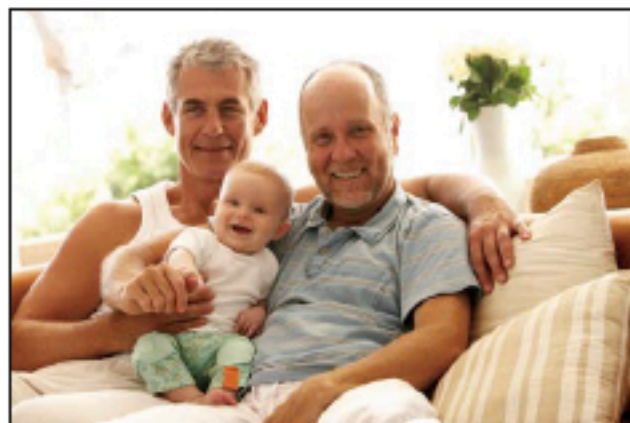
What do same sex couples look for when choosing an egg donor? Same sex couples look for the same things that heterosexual couples do; physical characteristics and education background. Other things that are important when choosing an anonymous donor are medical history, physical appearance, and experienced donors that have been through the process once before and have had a healthy baby through the program. Same sex couples also want that biological connection when going through the family building process. The donor's eggs can be fertilized with the sperm of one or both partners.

New England Fertility's egg donation program is among the largest and most successful



Photo above of a New England Fertility family: Mark (Daddy) holding CeliaRose (left) and Cooper (Papa) holding Crosby (right). Photo by Erin Mayhugh

in the Northeastern United States. We do not rely on outside agencies but actively recruit, screen, and match anonymous donors ourselves. By recruiting and carefully screening potential egg donors, according to FDA guidelines, we provides patients with the assurance that our donors are free of physical and mental disease and are likely to produce eggs of good quality. Our large donor *continued bottom of page 22*



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from family vacations, his gifts as a writer and artist and we allowed ourselves to feel the anger and emotional pain. As a family we laugh a lot. As a father, I proud of my son for realizing that his existence is a gift to our family and the world. ▼



Photo courtesy of Mark Maxwell

Photo, left to right, Timothy Young-Maxwell holding pet Ralphie, author Mark Maxwell and two of their four sons, Torin and Justin.

ADVERTISER SPOTLIGHT

RMA of CT Opens New Office

This February, Reproductive Medicine Associates of Connecticut (RMACT) officially opened their new office in Norwalk with a ribbon cutting ceremony. Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling was in attendance to help celebrate the event. RMACT has one of the most advanced IVF labs in the country.

Below are photos from the celebration and of their new office. Left to right in the photo are, Dr. Spencer Richlin, Dr. Mark Leondires, Mayor Harry Rilling, and Dr. Joshua M. Hurwitz. For more information visit [www.rmact.com](http://www.rmact.com) or [www.gayparentstobe.com](http://www.gayparentstobe.com). ▼ Photos by Brad Rumble



New England Fertility continued from page 20 pool allows us to match couples with prospective donors within one to two months of their initial visit.

We try to make the process as smooth and uncomplicated as possible, helping clients not only select the proper candidates but helping them with legal and psychological issues along the way.

Through our egg donor program we have had high success rates with healthy pregnancies for same sex couples and some couples return to expand their family in the future.

For more information on our anonymous egg donor program, contact New England Fertility at 203-325-3200 or visit our website [www.refertility.com](http://www.refertility.com). We are here to help you achieve success! ▼

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