

Ellen DeGeneres and Portia Di Rossi & Hasamat Sagdiyev General Facts

Ellen DeGeneres and Portia Di Rossi are in a committed lesbian relationship and sincerely want to start a family. They plan on having one of them become artificially inseminated with donor sperm and carry a child that they both will raise as their own. They are not sure whose egg should be used in the process and have not determined who should carry the child to term, but they have identified the sperm donor: Hasamat Sagdiyev.

Hasamat Sagdiyev is from Kuzcek, Kerplakistan. He is very proud of his cultural heritage. In fact, he helped make a documentary, which analyzed the cultural similarities and differences between his homeland and the United States. It was titled, "Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kerplakistan." Hasamat is an active 30 year old man with a proud pedigree. He loves rock climbing, baseball, and is the president of the "Pamela Anderson forever" fan club. Hasamat is also somewhat of a sultry individual in that he is known around town as a playboy. Many believe that his sultry exploits are the result of psychological trauma he suffered when his wife and brother Filo were killed by a bear in their native Kuzcek.

Hasamat currently resides in the United States, where he is pursuing a P.h.D. in Amer-Kerplaki relations. Hasamat is honored that this particular lesbian couple has asked him to be the father of their child. However, he is fervent that any child of his would be aware of its rich cultural heritage. Hasamat, however, does not want to bear any financial responsibilities for the child. This is not to be interpreted as a lack of interest in the child's well-being. He wants to be a part of the child's life by instructing him or her as to the history of and culture of Kerplakistan.

The process of artificial insemination generally costs between \$20,000 and \$30,000 each attempt at insemination and is an extremely invasive procedure, so Ellen and Portia want to do all that they can to ensure they become pregnant with as few attempts as possible. The normal rate for sperm donation at a sperm bank is between \$200 - \$1,000; however the recipient rarely knows much about the donor of the sperm. There are no formal figures regarding private donor arrangements but it is rumored that private sperm donations can reach a high of \$500,000 due to the added security of knowing one's donor. Most doctors recommend testing up to three different sperm donations before insemination to make sure there are no hidden diseases, low sperm count, or genetic abnormalities.

According to [California Family Code § 7613\(b\)](#), the donor of semen provided to a licensed physician and surgeon for use in artificial insemination is treated in law as if he were not the natural father of a child thereby conceived. However, if the semen is provided and the woman is inseminated privately, the presumption does not operate and the donor may establish his paternity of the child. (See [Jhordan C. v. Mary K., 179 Cal. App. 3d 386, \(1986\)](#)). Most practitioners recommend that people considering artificial insemination reduce their agreement to writing regarding parental rights and financial obligations because artificial insemination law is relatively new and courts give contracts made before insemination considerable weight should a dispute arise.