

# Where Families Begin

a Responsible Fertility & Surrogacy Alliance (RFSA)



## Agenda

10:30am

### Check-in Opens

11:00– 11:05am

### Welcome and Introductions

11:05am – 11:30am

### Overview and Timeline

**Presenter: Michael Chally, Executive Director and Co-Owner, Northwest Surrogacy Center; Guy Ringler, MD, Partner Physician, Pinnacle California/New York; and Said Daneshmand, Partner Physician and Research Director, San Diego Fertility Center**

Beginning your surrogacy, IVF, or egg donation journey can feel both exciting and overwhelming. This opening panel will provide a clear, high-level overview of everything covered throughout the day – including a timeline of each stage of the process – so you can follow along with confidence and context from the very start.

11:35am – 12:30pm

### IVF Protocols and Success Factors

**Presenter: Guy Ringler, MD, Partner Physician, Pinnacle California/New York; and Said Daneshmand, Partner Physician and Research Director, San Diego Fertility Center**

Embarking on IVF with surrogacy opens the door to the possibility of having a biological child. Dr. Ringler and Dr. Daneshmand will offer an overview of the in vitro fertilization (IVF) protocols and success factors, providing insight into what it entails to build your family successfully through this method. Embryo shipping, rules, and international guidelines will also be discussed.

12:35pm – 1:00pm

### Egg Donation Considerations

**Presenter: Michael Chally, Executive Director and Co-Owner, Northwest Surrogacy Center; Sam Hyde, President and Owner, Circle Surrogacy; Guy Ringler, MD, Partner Physician, Pinnacle California/New York; and Said Daneshmand, Partner physician and Research Director, San Diego Fertility Center**

Searching for the right egg donor can feel overwhelming. During this session, we'll explore how to find your perfect match, which qualities to consider in an egg donor, review the different matching options available, including Open ID, Semi-Open ID, and ID-Release donations. Dr. Said Daneshmand and Dr. Guy Ringler will also review FDA protocols.

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**Break (coffee/ tea/ small bites):**

1:15pm to 1:45pm

## **Surrogacy Process and What to Expect**

**Presenter: Brett Griffin-Young, Head on International Client Services and UK Parent through U.S. Surrogacy, Circle Surrogacy; and Katy Engberg, Director of Case Management, Northwest Surrogacy Center**

In this session, we'll walk you through the surrogacy process with U.S. surrogacy, explain the importance of surrogate screening and support, and help you understand what to expect at each stage of your journey.

1:50pm to 2:30pm

## **Legal Framework and Protections**

**Presenter: Liberty Smith, U.S. Attorney & Legal Director, Northwest Surrogacy Center; Kimberly Sharpe, Esq., U.S. Assisted Reproductive Technology Law Attorney & Manager of Contracts, Circle Surrogacy; and Mishcon de Reya, One of UK's top international law firms.**

In this session, we will walk through the legal framework of U.S. surrogacy — including how your rights are protected when working with a U.S.-based agency, the key contracts involved with your agency, donor, and surrogate, and what ensures a seamless experience from start to finish. An attorney from the prestigious firm Mishcon de Reya will also provide an overview of UK law and legal parentage work.

2:35pm to 3:00pm

## **Cost Structures and Financial Planning**

**Presenters: Sam Hyde, President and Owner, Circle Surrogacy; and Michael Chally, Executive Director and Co-Owner, Northwest Surrogacy Center**

In this session, we'll break down the costs involved in surrogacy, discuss financial preparation, and explain what to expect when it comes to agency fees and other related expenses – so you can confidently plan for your journey.

3:00pm to 3:30pm

**Afternoon Tea / Mingle with speakers**

**Private Consultations available upon request with preferred provider immediately following conference**