30 Questions for Sperm Banks:

1. What compensation is there if your vials are lost by the sperm bank? What
about the storage fees?
2. What compensation is there if your vials have low motility or what if they
are contaminated? What type of refund policy is there? What about storage fees?
3. What compensation is there is if is found that children born from your donor,
or the donor himself, has medical issues? What is the refund policy? What about
storage fees?
4. What type of records to they maintain? Paper? Electronic? How long are they
promising to keep records for?
5. How will they notify you if they become aware of a child born through your
donor with medical or genetic issues? Will they only contact your doctor? You
directly?
6. How will you be notified if a donor reports a medical or genetic issue? Will
they contact your doctor? Or you directly?
7. Will they notify you if your donor tests positive for HIV after you have
already bought vials? Will they contact you directly?
8. What is their policy on creating large sibling groups? (Fairfax has the
largest number of large sibling groups on the DSR.) What tracking system do they have in place?
9. Do they ask donors if they have donated anywhere else? (Research shows that between 22-27% of donors donate to more than once facility).
10. Can people view their premises? See where the vials are stored?
11. Can they confirm which types of screening have occurred on your purchased
vials, and provide proof?
12. How do they verify a donor's medical information?
13. If a donor is found to have lied on their application, is the donor pulled
from the system? Are families notified? If yes, how?
14. Are they in compliance with all HIPPA and FDA regulations? Are all patient
records maintained on the premises and not accessed from remote locations?
15. How does the sperm bank assess donor's looks? Objective determination? More than one person's opinion?
16. If a donor is CMV positive does the sperm bank tell the recipient family?
17. Do they let donors know their own donor number? (Fairfax Cryobank does not). And if not, why? Do they appreciate the need for many donors and recipient
families and adult offspring to make mutual consent contact with each other?
18. What type of education and counseling to donors receive? Can you see the
materials?
19. Do they hand out the DSR's brochure? If not, why?
20. Are their donor's contacted regularly for medical updates? If so, how often?
21. When is the last time that they were inspected by the FDA, and can they
provide proof?
22. If you are a donor, will they notify you when a medical or genetic issue is
called into the sperm bank that has been reported by the parent of child born
via your donations?

23 What proportion of their donors are “open” vs “anonymous”?

24. For "open" donors, explain exactly how donors are notified when an 18 year
old child requests contact.
25. If an "open" donor is purchased, can that donor change to an "anonymous"
donor?
26. Which small clinics do they ship to around the world? And do the smaller clinics/doctors tell their recipients where the sperm originated from?
27. Do employees have a certain amount of sperm that they are required to sell
each month? Are there quotas to make? Bonuses given for selling the most sperm?
28. Have they ever had any lawsuits brought against them? If so, what were they? How were they settled?

29. Is the donor number given to donors the same as the number given to the recipients?

30. Will they tell families how many vials have already been sold for their particular donor?