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## Surrogacy Checklist for Intended Parents

Surrogacy arrangements entail an often stressful, although usually very rewarding journey for all parties involved. Whether you engage in your home country or abroad, there are a number of important factors you should consider.

- If female, have you sought medical advice from a specialist doctor confirming the need for surrogacy?
- Have you fully budgeted for the likely financial costs ? (These may include donor eggs/sperm, legal advice, surrogate matching, travel, transport & storage of genetic material, surrogate compensation, surrogate medical expenses, health insurance; IVF - including embryo transfers, surrogate health insurance)
- Do the laws in your country/state allow you to engage in surrogacy at home and/or abroad?
- In your/your partners country of citizenship, is there an established process for granting citizenship to any child born through surrogacy?
- Have you emotional support around you in case things don't go to plan?
- Your child(ren) through surrogacy may be very keen one day to meet their surrogate and/or (where relevant) their egg/sperm donor.
  - Is this possible via the route you are considering?
  - Have you discussed this with your gestational carrier /donor or agency?
- Have you engaged with other parents who have used the surrogacy route you are considering, to better understand the process?
- If using a gestational carrier from your own country, have you had sufficient discussion to ensure you are 'on the same page' in regards the arrangement and what level of contact she wants during/after the pregnancy?
- Has the IVF provider you are considering published their embryo transfer success rates?
- Has your IVF provider explained the implications of multiple embryo transfer and potential health risks of twin pregnancies for any children that result?
- If considering overseas options. do you understand the amount of time you will need to be away from home/ work for travel, documentation, infant care and exit processes?
- Has the gestational carrier you are considering
  - at least one child of her own and completed her own family?
  - undertaken counselling to help ensure she will be psychologically able to give up a child she carried?