CASE STUDY

Sensitive shipments transported reliably with GO!

Many people in Germany are unable, or find it difficult, to have children when they want to. An estimated 10-15 per cent of couples suffer the distress of involuntary childlessness. Thanks to modern medicine, however, nowadays it is possible to help three out of four couples wanting children by assisting them in becoming pregnant.* GO! Express & Logistics has been transporting sperm donations to 130 approved fertility clinics and medical practices throughout Germany for Cryobank Munich since 2017. For these sensitive shipments GO! uses specialist nitrogen transport containers that cool the sperm donations to a temperature of -170°C.

Maximum professionalism and care with sperm donations

Cryobank Munich was founded in 1983 and is certified by the Bavarian State Government as an approved tissue bank. It has been specialising in the preservation and storage of male sperm cells for 35 years. The careful, responsible selection of donors for couples who need sperm donations in order to fulfil their dream of having children is a matter of complete trust and is also part of the services the bank offers. Another area of expertise involves personal donations, a preventive measure for those who want to safeguard their own fertility. In the case of cryopreservation the sperm cells are frozen in liquid nitrogen at temperatures of between -170°C and -196°C. This procedure can extend the lifespan of donations – and thus the functions that are biologically important for procreation – by several years.

A highly qualified team of doctors, psychologists, pharmacists and biologists provides advice to couples who want to have children and to individuals wanting to store their

* Source: www.cryobank-muenchen.de
own cells. The Cryobank either collaborates with its own fertility clinic or the sperm donations are transported and relocated to other clinics or medical practices.

Secure, documented transportation as a matter of course

To transport the sensitive sperm cells in a professional, reliable manner, GO! Express & Logistics uses specialist transport containers for the Cryobank that cool the sperm cells to -170°C. Complete control is ensured by means of a temperature logger, which documents the temperature over a period of 96 hours. During shipment, the temperature shown is logged and transmitted to GO! Munich to document adherence with the correct temperature range on site. After the transport container has been returned to the GO! station the logger is read in full to complete the documentation process. After this the transport containers are returned to the Cryobank again, allowing them to be reused. The shipments are typically transported all over Germany via an overnight service or shipped separately within Munich via direct delivery. “We are very satisfied with our choice of GO! as our logistics provider. Based on the personal contact with the station, the seamless operation and the skilled drivers and employees we deal with, we would always choose GO! This is, of course, a highly sensitive product that requires the utmost reliability in transportation,” says Dr Wolf Bleichrodt, founder and medical director of Cryobank Munich.

Legislative changes and expansion into neighbouring countries

In light of the Sperm Donor Register Act, which takes effect from July 2018, Cryobank Munich anticipates that the private transportation of sperm donations will no longer be permitted in future and will only be permitted through the service of a logistics provider. Thanks to its network of over 100 stations GO! will transport the increased volume of shipments with its customary level of reliability. In principle, deliveries are also possible to clinics abroad with corresponding approval in neighbouring European countries.
About Cryobank Munich

Cryobank Munich was founded by Dr Wolf Bleichrodt in 1983 and has made its name in several areas of expertise. This includes the preservation and storage of male sperm cells, as well as the careful, responsible selection of donors for couples who are dependent on sperm donations. It is also possible to make personal donations as a preventive measure for those who want to safeguard their own fertility. Cryobank is approved as a tissue bank by the district government of Upper Bavaria.

About GO! Express & Logistics

GO! Express & Logistics is Germany’s largest unaffiliated provider of express and courier services. The worldwide partner network was established in 1984 and currently includes over 100 GO! stations in Germany and Europe. Highly qualified employees and couriers ensure the transportation of more than 6 million shipments per year.

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