

Patient Request for Two-Embryo Transfer consent

1. Early miscarriage rates. The loss of one embryo when two are transferred may be higher when you transfer two embryos. Although this chance is higher, it usually means that one embryo (not necessarily both) could be lost.

2. Premature birthrates are associated with twins. One third of all pre-term births in the United States are associated with twins. The average full-term birth in singletons is 37 to 40 weeks. In twins, more than half will be born before 37 weeks. This may be as early as 34 weeks (or earlier) which can result in the twins having smaller birth weight and need to spend time in the NICU (neonatal ICU) before discharge from the hospital. This may have a great financial impact.

3. Discordant growth of twins in utero. When two fetuses are growing in utero during a pregnancy, there can be a discordant (unequal) growth of one twin versus the other. In this case, if the smaller twin shows failure to thrive, the OB doctor may elect to deliver the twins before the expected due date.

4. Maternal risks. In women carrying twins, there may be a greater risk of pre-eclampsia, pregnancy induced hypertension, and gestational diabetes.

5. Cesarean Section and increased surveillance of twin pregnancies. Most twin pregnancies are delivered by C-Section in the US unless both babies are in a "head down" position. OB doctors will perform more frequent sonogram evaluations during the twin pregnancies to monitor the growth of both babies incurring higher medical costs. Due to the maternal risks and fetal risks, these pregnancies may incur greater costs for pregnancy care for the intended parents.

6. Ember Fertility Center's recommendations. In order to minimize some of the risks and concerns mentioned above, Ember Fertility Center recommends the intended parents can choose to utilize two surrogates with each surrogate carrying one fetus (singleton pregnancy).

Intended Parents and Surrogate have read and understand the risks associated with two embryo transfer and elect to proceed with the transfer of two embryos into the surrogate at this time. If there is any translation discrepancy, English supersedes.

Intended Parent 1: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Intended Parent 2: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Surrogate Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____

Physician Name: _____ **Signature:** _____ **Date:** _____