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This 1 hour interactive panel discussion is a perfect opportunity for EPRD students to gain an understanding of the emotional and psychological impact associated with infertility and assisted reproductive treatment. Four panelists (Fertility counsellor, IVF patient, former sperm donor and donor conceived person) will each provide a unique perspective on infertility treatment and the profound impact this may have on each person involved. There will be plenty of time for Q&A and the event will be followed by dinner and refreshments.

**Monday, 15 May 2017**  
**5:00pm to 7:00pm**  
**MMC Lecture Theatre 2**

Limited seats available, book your spot before 11 May 2017:  
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# PANELISTS



## **Julia Cernaz - Fertility Counsellor**

Julia Cernaz is an accredited Mental Health Social Worker and Family Therapist with over 20 years experience in counselling and therapy with individuals, couples and families. Julia has been a fertility counsellor at Melbourne IVF for 5 years and will be talking about the emotional and psychological issues that emerge when people confront fertility issues and seek assisted reproductive treatment.



## **Rachael Kasap - Senior Embryologist and Former IVF Patient**

Rachael Kasap is the Embryology Team Leader at Monash IVF in Clayton. Rachael is a GRS alumnus and has 15 years experience as an Embryologist. In addition to her professional experience in IVF, Rachael underwent IVF treatment herself about 10 years ago. With her professional and personal experience in IVF, Rachael offers a unique perspective on infertility and ART treatments.



## **Ian Smith - Former Sperm Donor**

Ian Smith is a former sperm donor and a passionate advocate for the changing legislation regarding anonymity of pre-1988 donors. After a few anonymous donations in the 80s, Ian was informed in 1999 that his sperm donations had been used to create 7 children. Ian is now a passionate advocate for the changing donor laws in Victoria and frequently speaks to the public about his experiences, including in an ABC documentary “sperm donors anonymous”. Ian hopes to one day meet these 7 biological children he has no connection with, and to remove anonymity from gamete donation.



## **Chloe Allworthy - Donor Conceived Person**

Chloe Allworthy will be speaking about her emotional journey searching for her biological father. From an early age, Chloe knew that she was donor-conceived. Once turning 18, she decided it was time to search for her biological father. Chloe is a passionate speaker about donor conception and frequently shares her experience with the public. Currently studying a Masters of Social Work, Chloe hopes to one day work in the area of donor conception and to help others find their biological family members.

**Please take note this event is open to Monash EPRD students /staff only and booking is essential. For enquiries, please contact the MPA representative for MMC:**

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