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Am a single, heterosexual mother of a donor conceived daughter.

In 1996 I saw a local GP, to ask how/whether I could have a donor conceived child. He said had been a donor when at University.

He referred me to [REDACTED]
I had an initial consultation with Dr [REDACTED] (Gynecologist).

At the end of 1996, I was artificially inseminated and became pregnant.
As Dr [REDACTED] managed the pregnancy, there was no reason to see the local referring GP.

However, when I was a few months pregnant and physically showing so, I needed a GP appointment for another reason. Upon entering the Medical Centre, I was startled to be greeted by two employees, who looked at my condition and exclaimed that it was the GP who was the *father* !

Needless to say I was startled and confused.

I noticed on the Clinic's newsletter that the GP was listed as no longer there.

When asked if he was elsewhere, was told had been transferred to [REDACTED]

As I knew the Deputy ? of the Qld Medical Board (QMB) in mid 1997, I phoned to seek info on the GP.
Was still confused about the " father " comments.
Of course he couldn't give the reason, but said the GP was no longer able to practise in QLD.

If the GP had been charged with fraud, or a sexual relationship with a patient, assume the outcome would be suspension, or no longer be able to practise.

There are other issues that make it highly likely the GP is the father.
If useful, you may contact me.

Recently my daughter used "[ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com)" to learn about family history.
Was ecstatic when she learnt has four dibblings, who live locally. In fact one works for the same company as my daughter and lives nearby.

My daughter obtained non identifying information about the donor, including their occupation.

None of it describes the GP.

I researched the 2010 NHMRC details about the State differences and the issue of Guidelines vs Regulations.

It made me realize that Qld in the late 1990's would have had less control of the fertility services system.

Have only outlined some of my experiences about transparency and records.

At 65 years of age, have met many others with donor conceived children.

As recently as the early 2000's, the system has provided some with two different donor records.

This expose is related to the Inquiries' focus on accessing donor information.

My main concern is how one obtains donor outlines, let alone identifying information and contact details, if the records are not kept accurately, or deliberately altered.

The Qld system must be Regulated, not merely have Guidelines. Otherwise it is open to the negative aspects of any profit making business.

Any changes need to be retrospective, not only prospectively.

The most important consideration is the human rights of the donor conceived child and that can only be ensured through a carefully regulated system.

Sincere thanks.