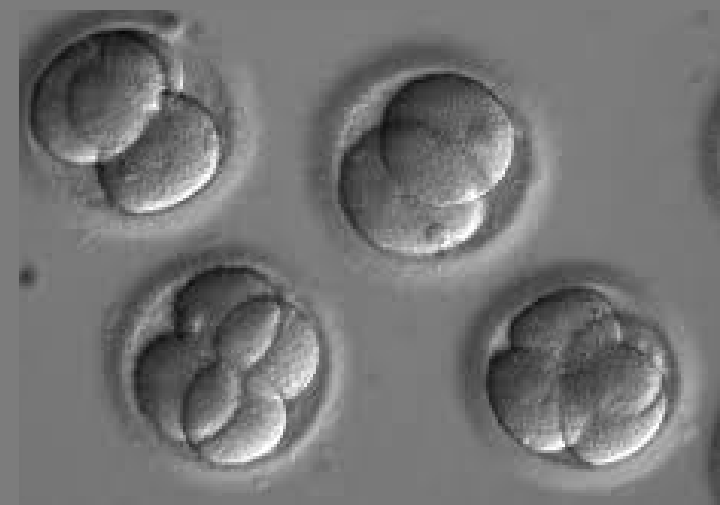


Unexpected

**Canada's Emergence as
an International
Surrogacy Destination**







What percentage of children born to surrogate mothers in BC in 2016 were registered as the children of non-resident intended parents?

50%



Why has Canada become an international surrogacy destination?

#1 No prohibitions on participation



- **Prohibition:** Most countries
 - **Non-residents permitted:** Greece, Ukraine, Russia, Georgia, and some US states.
 - **No longer permitted:** India, Thailand, Nepal, Mexico
 - **Unregulated:** Kenya, Nigeria
 - **Prohibitions on non-residents:** India, Israel, South Africa, UK, some American and Australian states.
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#2 Status Issues

- Anti-discrimination laws
- Expedited parentage recognition
- Canadian citizenship conferred



#3 Financial Advantages

- Publicly funded healthcare
- Income recovery



#4 Quality of Care and Services

- Reproductive technologies available in the US
- Excellent healthcare
- Well informed, healthy and interested surrogates
- Networks of support



**Should international
surrogacy be of concern for
Canadians?**



**Q1. Should mechanisms
be introduced to recover
health care costs?**



Q2: Does surrogacy exploit women? Are the risks greater for cross border surrogacy?



**Q3. Should Canada
introduce residency
restrictions on intended
parents?**



Q4 Should Canada level the playing field between international and local surrogacy by permitting surrogates to be paid a fee by Canadian intended parents?



Thoughts & Questions

