

50 years ago, freezing sperm dealt with clinical apprehension

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Many guys pondering birthcontrols have actually been transferring a amount of their semen with sperm banks where, for a cost, it is frozen and saved.... There is broad argument on the length of time that sperm might be frozen and then defrosted and utilized effectively to fertilize a female, with approximates varying from just 16 months to as much as 10 years.

Update

The capability to freeze sperm has assisted make being a parent possible for millions of individuals, consisting of sterile or same-sex couples and individuals who have actually gone through cancer treatment (*SN: 6/19/21, p. 16*). Sperm-freezing approaches have actually enhanced given that the 1970s, and research studies have actually revealed that frozen sperm can stay practical for lots of years, even years. The rate of live births from sperm frozen for up to 15 years at a sperm bank in China was comparable to rates from sperm kept for much shorter durations, researchers reported in 2019. In 2013, U.S. scientists reported the birth of healthy twins who were developed utilizing sperm that had actually been frozen for about 40 years.

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