

“Snowbaby” Born after 24 Years

A healthy baby girl born from the world's longest-known frozen embryo has made international news. The embryo was donated almost 25 years ago and was implanted in the uterus of a young American woman just this year. Baby Emma is considered a “snowbaby” because the embryo was frozen for so long. The couple from Tennessee that adopted the embryo say they did not realize they were breaking a world record and only found out after the implantation how old the embryo was. The new mother was only one year old in 1992 when the embryo was frozen.

Vocabulary

embryo: an unborn life, formed from a fertilized egg

implant: to place firmly in a position

uterus: the place where new life is conceived and formed inside a woman's body

adopt: to take as one's own

Comprehension Questions

1. How long was the embryo frozen?
2. What didn't the young couple know?
3. Why is the mother's age significant?

Discussion Questions

1. Have you heard of fertility treatments?

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