

GROUP A: The Lichy Case

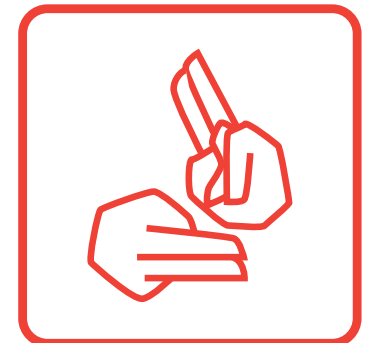
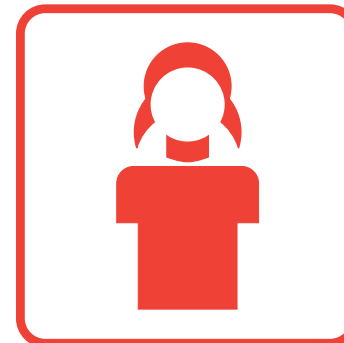
Synopsis: Deaf parents (who already have one deaf child) want to have the chance to select an embryo so that they can have a child who is deaf rather than implanting an embryo that would lead to a hearing child. They feel that this would fit in with their lifestyle and cultural group better.

Having read the synopsis, what do you think about this particular situation?

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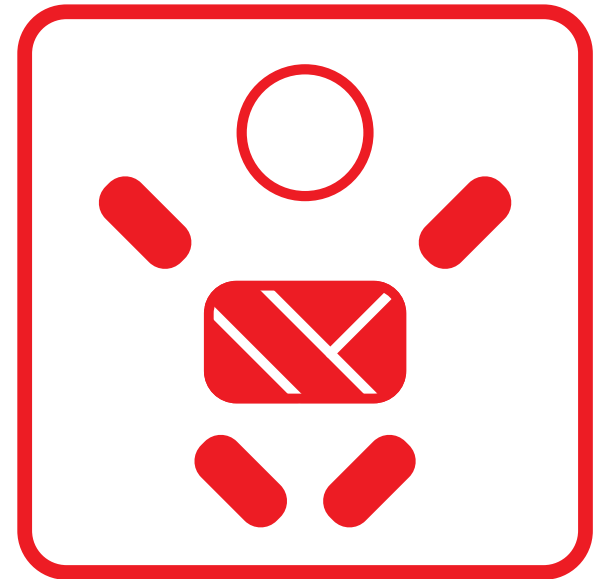
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Based on the presentation, what else do you want to know? Think about the discussions around The Joseph Case.

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GROUP B: The Hashmi Case

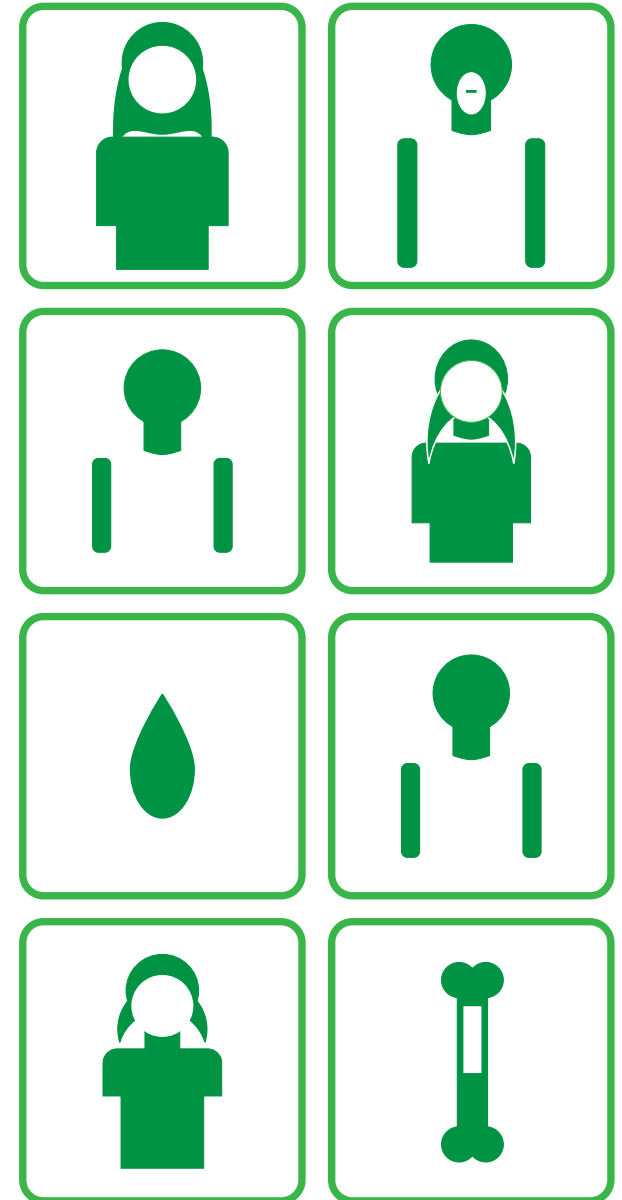
Synopsis: Non-caucasian parents with a son, who has inherited Beta Thalassaemia (BT). The son needs regular blood transfusions, the parents are carriers for the disease, and whilst they have four other children, none are a match. They want another child through IVF to be a source of stem cells for a bone marrow transplant, and also want to make sure the new child does not have BT.

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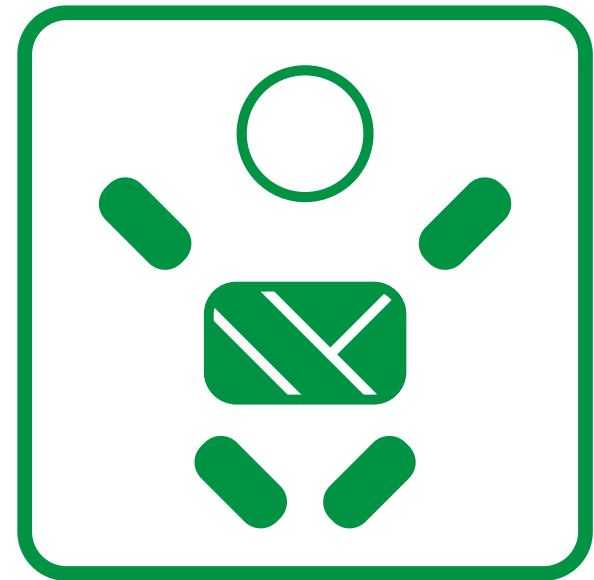
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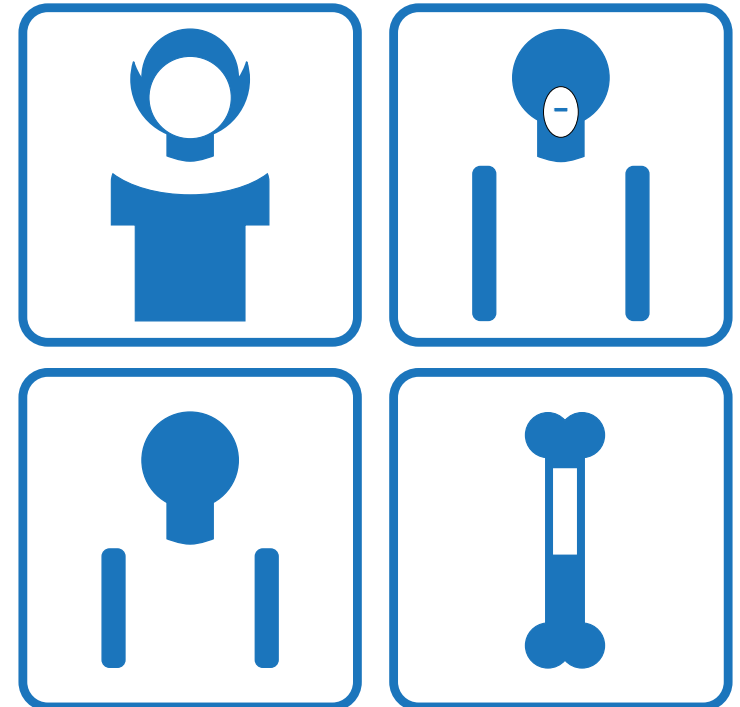
Synopsis: Parents had to travel to the US to have treatment that was not allowed in the UK. They needed to select an embryo that was a tissue match, so that their son could have a bone marrow transplant to cure him of Diamond Blackfan Anaemia (DBA). DBA is not an inherited disorder.

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