

GREY'S ANATOMY star Katherine Heigl and her singer hubby Josh Kelley are adopting a baby, **THE ENQUIRER** has learned exclusively.

29-year-old Emmy-winning actress said she didn't want to get "Knocked Up" and the couple expects to start their family with a child from Korea within a year, sources say.

Adopting a baby from Korea holds special meaning for Katherine because her older sister was adopted from that country. "It has had a profound impact on Katherine's life, which is why she and Josh are so excited to adopt a Korean child," a friend close to the couple revealed to **THE ENQUIRER**. "They've chosen an adoption agency and started filing the necessary paperwork.



The blonde actress with her **'Grey's Anatomy'** co-stars

haven't gone public with the news because they want to make sure there are no problems before they make an announcement."

The couple - who met in 2005 and tied the knot last December - debated for months whether to have a biological child or adopt, sources say.

They finally decided adoption is the best

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Katherine Heigl TO ADOPT KOREAN BABY

Older sister of
'Grey's Anatomy'
star was adopted
from same country

Katherine was a bridesmaid in her sister Meg's wedding



option for them right now. Katherine's got several movie projects in the pipeline and a pregnancy would bring her career to a halt for a while," said the friend.

"Besides, she still has plenty of time to have her own children if she chooses."

Singer-songwriter Josh, 28, recently said the couple was focusing on their careers, not starting a family.

But Katherine - who plays Dr. Isobel "Izzie" Stevens in ABC's Emmy-winning medical series - has revealed the graphic birthing scene in her hit comedy "Knocked Up" dampened her desire to have her own children, but intensified her will to adopt.

"I've always planned to adopt," the "27 Dresses" star said. "I'm done with the whole idea of having my own children. It doesn't seem like any fun. I don't think it's necessary to go through all of that."

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