February 2012 Newsletter

Dear Friends,

For some of us in the colder regions, February can seem like the longest month of the year as we wait for the chill to subside and the warmer temperatures to descend upon us. Fortunately for us, the oncofertility community has A LOT of exciting events to look forward to now and in the next few months!

In this issue, we'll spotlight the next Oncofertility 101 training session, let you know about a fantastic new memoir about cancer and fertility, and give you an opportunity to participate in the Oncofertility Education and Outreach Tour being planned for 2012-2013.

As always, stop by our website to get all the latest information on cancer and fertility and check out our blog, voted one of the top 100 health blogs of 2011!

Sincerely,

The Oncofertility Consortium

In the Spotlight...

The Oncofertility Consortium is proud to present Oncofertility 101 on Tuesday, March 13th, 2012. This dynamic, one-day training course provides researchers with the tools to study follicle growth in vitro.

Click here to see how you can participate in our next session in September 2012.

Read Our Blog!

February is National Cancer Prevention Month

Public Education Tour

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The Oncofertility Consortium and Fertile Action are collaborating to put together a 12-stop Oncofertility Education and Outreach Tour in 2012 - 2013. The tour will educate oncofertility patients, raise public awareness, and form partnerships between local oncology and fertility preservation providers. If you are interested in having the tour stop in your town and building local relationships, email: a-krausfeldt@northwestern.edu.

Follow Us:

How I Lost My Uterus and Found My Voice

At the age of 26, Michelle, an active and successful young woman, was diagnosed with invasive cervical cancer. In a new memoir, Michelle narrates the story of her ordeal. She tells how she took charge of her healthcare and pursued an experimental surgery that treated the cancer while preserving her fertility or as she calls them, her "maybe babies." The surgery was a success, but just a few years later, Michelle discovered her cancer was back.

How I Lost My Uterus and Found My Voice follows Michelle as she wonders if she will survive cancer, have children, or ever have a "normal" intimate relationship with her husband again. Openly and honestly, Michelle shares her story about living with cancer, fighting to save her fertility, facing sexual dysfunction, struggling with conflicting feelings about motherhood, and becoming her own best advocate. To read more about Michelle’s story, or to purchase a copy of her book, please visit our blog.

Thank you for reading our latest Newsletter! Please contact Program Manager, Angie Krausfeldt, at a-krausfeldt@northwestern.edu with any suggestions, feedback or comments.