Dear Friends,

May is Melanoma Awareness Month, and according to a recent study, there has been a dramatic rise in skin cancer among young adults. Cancer in young adults poses a number of serious late-effect health issues as a result of cancer treatment, including fertility concerns, so let's all be safe in the sun and remember to wear sunscreen everyday.

In this issue, we'll spotlight a new cost analysis study, announce a new perk of the 2012 Oncofertility Conference, and share a "feel-good" fertility preservation story from one of our Consortium members.

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...

Calling all oncofertility providers!! Please participate in a new, anonymous survey by May 31st, to help researchers characterize the clinical services offered by oncofertility practices across the US in an effort to assess the breadth of oncofertility services & general costs of fertility preservation.

The anonymous, secure survey can be accessed...
Knowledge in Young Cancer Survivors

Oncofertility at the USA Science & Engineering Festival

Scientists Around Globe Peer Into Chicago Microscope at Same Time

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2012 Oncofertility Conference Offers Nursing Contact Hours

The Oncofertility Consortium is proud to announce that Nursing Contact Hours are being obtained for the 2012 Oncofertility Conference and will be awarded by the Illinois Nurses Association.

Nurses who attend the program will learn:

- How to discuss fertility preservation with young cancer patients
- About existing successful oncofertility programs across the United States
- Information about a new Nursing Training Program in Oncofertility

Contact hours are complimentary with your registration fee.

A Mother's Day Journey with Oncofertility Consortium Member, Dr. Clarisa Gracia

This past Mother's Day, many of us celebrated the women in our lives, past and present, with family and friends. Motherhood has different meanings for everyone, and what constitutes being a mom is sometimes more complex than you'd imagine...

Oncofertility Consortium member, Dr. Clarisa Gracia, recently appeared in a new article on Time.com about surrogacy and the road to motherhood for one family with a history of cancer. This story is a must read for anyone who wants to see the true meaning of sisterhood and the great lengths some people must go to in order to realize their dream of parenthood. It's truly an uplifting story that we feel incredibly honored to be part of in some small way.

Click on the link to read: This Mother's Day: A Journey Through Fertility Preservation, Surrogacy and Sisterhood.
Thank you for reading our latest newsletter! Please contact Program Manager, Angie Krausfeldt, at a-krausfeldt@northwestern.edu with any suggestions, comments or if you are interested in contributing to our blog.