Dear Friends,

Last month we wrapped up the 6th annual Oncofertility Conference: Dialogues in Oncofertility, and we couldn't be busier! The direction is clear - onward and upward - and that is exactly where oncofertility is headed! If you were unable to attend the conference, the presentations from this dynamic two-day event will be posted online shortly, so please check back with the Oncofertility Consortium for updates.

In this issue, we'll tell you about an upcoming Virtual Grand Rounds, share some conference highlights, ask you to participate in a short survey that will benefit the field of oncofertility, and tell you about a new opportunity to receive CME credit.

Sincerely,

The Oncofertility Consortium

In the Spotlight...

Virtual Grand Rounds with Helen Picton, PhD,
October 25th at 10 AM Central Time

Be sure to join the next Virtual Grand Rounds session, October 25th, with Helen Picton, PhD, leading a discussion entitled, "From Basic Science to Clinical Application - the Facts and Future of Ovarian Cryopreservation for Fertility Preservation." Join us LIVE and receive CME credit for your participation!
Oncofertility Conference: Dialogues in Oncofertility Highlights

The Oncofertility Consortium recently held its 6th annual Oncofertility Conference: Dialogues in Oncofertility, in Chicago, IL, celebrating six years of collaborative success and scientific advancement. The conference draws attendees from around the globe, with over a dozen countries represented this year, including South Korea and Russia. For the first time, the Oncofertility Consortium offered pre-conference training courses to trainees and clinicians: Oncofertility 101 -- Training in Follicle Techniques, and Clinic 101 - Building a Fertility Preservation Program. The Consortium also enlisted the support of Matthew Zachary, Founder and Director of the hugely successful AYA cancer organization, Stupid Cancer, to speak at the event's cocktail hour, An Evening for Pediatric and Young Adult Cancer Survivors at the new Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital. Housing scientists, clinicians, educators, advocates, and cancer survivors together to discuss the future of fertility preservation in young cancer patients represents the "team" approach the Oncofertility Consortium champions to address the reproductive future of cancer survivors. We look forward to seeing you again next year!

Contribute to Cost Analysis Survey!

On behalf of the Oncofertility program at the University of Colorado and the Oncofertility Consortium, we invite you to participate in a brief, anonymous survey. The objective of this survey is to assess the breadth and general cost of fertility preservation services across the nation.

Please follow the link to the survey titled, Cross-Sectional Study of Fertility Preservation Services and Costs across the Nation. Your time and participation are greatly appreciated!

Please contact Laxmi Kondapalli, MD, MSCE, with any questions.
Participate in our Virtual Grand Rounds and get CME’s -Virtually!

The Oncofertility Consortium is excited to announce that CME credits will be available for our **2012-2013 Virtual Grands Rounds** sessions for your online participation. Receive CME credits by watching a LIVE broadcast of the session or by watching a recording of the broadcast after we have uploaded and archived the presentation onto [our website](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1111272630401&format=html&print=true). Learn more about our upcoming [Virtual Grand Rounds](https://ui.constantcontact.com/visualeditor/visual_editor_preview.jsp?agent.uid=1111272630401&format=html&print=true), and how you can participate!

### Virtual Grand Rounds Accreditation Statement

Accreditation Statement: The Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Credit Designation Statement: The Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 1 **AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)™**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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The presenters have no relevant financial relationships with commercial interests that will bias the content of the program.

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### Audience and Learning Objectives

The Oncofertility Virtual Grand Rounds brings together researchers and health care providers, and administrators to discuss current updates in fertility preservation and how to incorporate these advances into clinical practice. At the end of the rounds, attendees will be able to:

- Discuss the multiple patient factors that health care providers should understand when treating young fertility preservation patients, including age, legal, ethical, and financial considerations.
Identify key research goals for established and experimental fertility preservation techniques including embryo, oocyte, and ovarian tissue cryopreservation.

Gain an understanding of how select fertility preservation programs ensure a continuum of care between the patient's disease and fertility preservation treatment.

Identify advances in emerging fertility preservation techniques over the past five years and discuss the significance and barriers to implementation in a clinical setting.

Discuss the endocrine, gynecological, psychological, and sexual health considerations for female cancer survivors.

Virtual Grand Rounds Support

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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.