

Joint Statement from the Alliance for Fertility Preservation and the Oncofertility Consortium on Fertility Preservation for Patients Receiving Gonadotoxic Therapies During the COVID-19 Pandemic

During this uncertain and unprecedented time, the oncofertility community is working together to provide up-to-date fertility preservation information for patients and providers. We are aware of the recommendations from <u>ASRM's</u> <u>COVID-19 Task Force</u> which suggests new IVF cycles not be initiated at this time. While **this pause in services does not apply to urgent fertility preservation for patients receiving gonadotoxic therapies**, we recognize it may impact practices' standard operations which could, inadvertently affect these patients' access to some services. Based on dialogue with clinicians and leaders in the fertility preservation community, providers remain committed to handling these urgent cases, but we are aware that evolving geographic, legal, and practical constraints may cause interruptions or delays.

Therefore, should you encounter any difficulty in obtaining fertility preservation consultations or services during this unprecedented international emergency, please reach out to us at <u>oncofertility@northwestern.edu</u> or <u>info@allianceforfertilitypreservation.org</u> for assistance. For patients and providers in Australia, email <u>info@futurefertility.com.au</u> or <u>fertility@rch.org.au</u> (Victoria, only) for further assistance.

We know this situation is rapidly evolving and information may change daily, but we welcome any communication and/or updates from clinicians about any clinic closures, changes in ability to triage oncofertility patients, and/or any other concerns or obstacles you are encountering. Please let us know what's happening with your practice, so we may better navigate patients in need.

In the meantime, be well and please stay safe and healthy during this time.