

Oncofertility Consortium Newsletter

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Welcome

Contact Us



Dear Oncofertility Consortium Community,

Recently in 2021, we have been transitioning the Oncofertility Consortium administration, all websites and social media accounts to Michigan State University (MSU). Please note that some information on such platforms may be inaccurate while adjustments to reflect this organizational change are made.

Sincerely, [Oncofertility Consortium](#)

Welcome

Dear Oncofertility Consortium Colleagues and OPEN Members,

We hope you are all staying well. Our thoughts are with you and your families during these uncertain times. In this newsletter we will update you on a brief list of items from the Oncofertility Professional Engagement Network (OPEN) including:

- [A message from Dr. Woodruff about the transition to MSU](#)
- [The Oncofertility Consortium Vision 2030](#)
- [OPEN events and new publications](#)
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- [Contact our new team at MSU](#)

If you have any news or publications you would like to share, or need help promoting events or opportunities to participate in research studies, please send us an email to: oncofert@msu.edu

Thank you for your continued partnership and be well.

Sincerely,

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Dear Oncofertility Consortium Community,

The Oncofertility Consortium was created in 2007 to address a significant health care need for cancer survivors. Over the last 14 years, this program has brought together a diverse multidisciplinary group of thought leaders that span several specialties of health care providers, patient advocacy and community engagement groups, researchers, and learners passionate about improving the quality of life for cancer survivors. Northwestern University provided unwavering support for the Oncofertility Consortium vision from the beginning that led to its global impact. We are transitioning the Oncofertility Consortium administration to Michigan State University (MSU) over the next few months.

Today, male and female adult and pediatric cancer patients, individuals transitioning gender identities, and other individuals facing health-extending but fertility-limiting treatments can look forward to a fertile future. This is, in part, due to the work of members associated with the Oncofertility Consortium. The Oncofertility Consortium is an international, interdisciplinary initiative originally designed to explore the urgent unmet need associated with the reproductive future of cancer survivors. As the strategies for fertility management were invented, developed or applied, the individuals for whom the program offered hope, similarly expanded. As a community of practice, Consortium participants share information in an open and rapid manner that addresses the complex health care and quality-of-life issues of cancer patients, including transgender individuals, and other patients. Our global interprofessional network of medical specialists, scientists, and scholars in the law, medical ethics, religious studies, and other disciplines associated with human interventions, explore the relationships between health, disease, survivorship, treatment, gender, and reproductive longevity. The goals are to continually integrate the best science in the service of the needs of patients and build a community of care that is ready for the challenges of the field in the future.

[Read More & Watch Dr. Woodruff's Video](#)

The Oncofertility Consortium Vision 2030



Dear Oncofertility Consortium Community,

We thank those that participated in formulating the **Oncofertility Consortium Vision 2030**. It was an important next step for our Oncofertility Professional Engagement Network (OPEN) and will help us work together on our collective priorities for the next 10 years.

Together we discussed the current state of the field, the priorities for the next 10 years, and the strategies to be used to ensure that the field is moving forward in a productive and collaborative manner. We worked together on developing the **Oncofertility Consortium Vision 2030**, as well as its mission, value statements, and strategic goals. Here are the results:

Vision Statement: The vision of the Oncofertility Consortium is for all patients facing loss of fertility due to medical conditions and/or gonadotoxic therapies to have access to oncofertility options and services.

Mission Statement: The mission of the Oncofertility Consortium is to convene the field to enable the essential conversations necessary to drive oncofertility research, clinical practice, and patient options forward.

Value Statement: The Oncofertility Consortium values collegiality, multi-disciplinary collaboration, inclusiveness, innovation, and altruism. All of its values are ultimately driven by patient-centeredness.

Strategic goals: (1) Improve Access (2) Advance Research (3) Educate and (4) Collaborate.

[Read the full publication of Oncofertility Consortium Vision 2030](#)



Events:

March 5, 2021: [Oncofertility Around the Globe](#), Northwestern University, Chicago, IL (Live Virtual Conference)

May 20-21, 2021: [Annual Fertility Preservation and Reproductive Late Effects Conference](#), Denver, Colorado (Live Virtual Conference)



Publications:

Woodruff TK, et al. [A View from the past into our collective future: the oncofertility consortium vision statement](#). *J Assist Reprod Genet.* 2021 Jan 6. doi: 10.1007/s10815-020-01983-4. Online ahead of print.

Practice Committee, Oncofertility Consortium. [Installing oncofertility programs for common cancers in optimum resource settings \(Repro-Can-OPEN Study Part II\): a committee opinion](#). *J Assist Reprod Genet.* 2021 Jan 16. doi: 10.1007/s10815-020-02012-0. Online ahead of print.

Carvalho BR, et al. [Ex vivo Retrieval of Mature Oocytes for Fertility Preservation in a Patient with Bilateral Borderline Ovarian Tumor](#). *Rev Bras Ginecol Obstet.* 2021. DOI: 10.1055/s-0040-1718436

Message to OPEN Members



Dear Current OPEN Members worldwide

Please kindly check your Institution on the Oncofertility Consortium website at 'Find a Clinic/Center': <https://oncofertility.msu.edu/find-a-clinic-or-center>

If there are ANY changes, please let us know to update our records with an email to: oncofert@msu.edu

News from Our Collaborators



Alliance for Fertility Preservation (AFP): [Joint Statement with the Oncofertility Consortium on Fertility Preservation for Patients Receiving Gonadotoxic Therapies During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#).

European society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE): [Female Fertility Preservation 2020 Guidelines](#)

New York University: [Posthumous Reproduction Global Survey](#) (Please participate in the survey. Email: obgynresearch@nyulangone.org)

Northwestern University: [Master of Science in Reproductive Science and Medicine](#) (Apply before March 31, 2021. Email: crs@northwestern.edu).

New Collaborator in Africa: [African Oncofertility Consortium \(AOFC\)](#)



Dear Oncofertility Consortium Community,

We are working now with our oncofertility experts from the USA and abroad on the following important projects and will keep you informed soon. Stay tuned!!

- Oncofertility Consortium Scientific Committees 2021
- Oncofertility Consortium Annual Conference November 2021
- Oncofertility Consortium New Websites & Social Media 2021
- Oncofertility Consortium Textbook 2022
- Oncofertility Consortium Give Now Initiative ([Link](#))

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