

# The Fertility Preservation Program

at Miami Cancer Institute



- **Ovarian Transposition:** Ovaries are surgically moved higher in the abdomen and away from the radiation field to minimize exposure and damage.
- **Sperm Banking:** A semen specimen is produced, analyzed, frozen and stored for future use.
- **Freezing of Ovarian and Testicular Tissue for Pre-pubescent Cancer Patients (experimental):** In pre-pubescent males, testicular tissue, including the cells that produce sperm, is surgically removed, analyzed, frozen and stored. In pre-pubescent females, part or all of an ovary is removed through a surgical procedure. Removed tissue that contains hormone-producing cells and immature eggs is divided into strips and frozen for future use.

Counseling on other family planning options include, but is not limited to, the following:

- **Donor-assisted Reproduction (donor eggs, sperm and embryos):** For cancer survivors who will become menopausal or will be unable to produce sperm after cancer treatment, this is a highly effective option for starting a family. Our team can provide education and provide referrals to fertility specialists who offer this option for cancer patients.
- **Surrogacy:** A gestational surrogate is a woman who will carry a pregnancy for intended parents. Because some women are unable to carry a pregnancy after cancer therapy, having a gestational surrogate carry their pregnancy may be an option for cancer survivors.
- **Adoption:** Adoption is another option for cancer survivors who desire to have a family.

A number of resources are available to help you make decisions about fertility preservation. Speak with your oncologist to make sure that it is safe for you to pursue this option. He or she may make a referral to our fertility preservation APPs after determining that it is necessary and safe for you to pursue fertility preservation. Other providers, staff or one of our fertility preservation APPs may also ask if you have considered fertility preservation. The necessity and safety of fertility preservation will be discussed with your oncologist before scheduling a comprehensive fertility consultation or a referral is made with one of our fertility preservation APPs.

If you would like more information about the Fertility Preservation Program, please call **786-527-8825**, send an email to [MCIFertilityClinic@BaptistHealth.net](mailto:MCIFertilityClinic@BaptistHealth.net), or visit [MiamiCancerInstitute.com](http://MiamiCancerInstitute.com).

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