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April 29, 2020

Dear Members and Friends of the New England Fertility Society (NEFS),

Over the past few weeks, we have all experienced the impact of the coronavirus and COVID-19 on our lives and the way we provide fertility services.

Many of the fertility practices in New England, across the United States, and in other parts of the world temporarily suspended new fertility services. As we look to resume services and proceed amid the pandemic, we must acknowledge that there will be changes to how we care for our patients in the weeks and months ahead. We must be cognizant of social and physical distancing, infection control, expanded use of personal protective equipment, ongoing use of tele-medicine consults, and screening for COVID-19, with the ultimate goal of minimizing risks to our patients, staff, families, and the healthcare community. We will establish new protocols, policies and procedures, and adapt our practices accordingly. There will be many new challenges.

As we progress in this time of uncertainty, the New England Fertility Society acknowledges the concerns of our society members, and we stand steadfastly as we offer and provide support to one another through these changes.

We have tentatively rescheduled the Annual NEFS conference for November 6th and 7th, 2020 at Gurney's Resort, Goat Island, Newport, Rhode Island. We also plan to proceed with the quarterly meetings on September 23, 2020 and December 3, 2020.

While we hope to be able to host these meetings at the planned venues, we recognize that we may need to hold them virtually, and know we are all now well-versed in attending virtual meetings. Please save the dates.

NEFS has also added ways for you to remain connected by expanding our social media presence. In addition to our website, www.NEFS.org and our Facebook page (@NEFS17), we have added Instagram (@nefertilitysociety) and Twitter (@NEFS90).

We encourage you to provide NEFS with your Instagram, Twitter, and Facebook contacts! Please go to nef.org, click on "Contact" and provide your contact information as well as your social media addresses in the comments box (<https://www.nefs.org/contactus790.htm>).

We encourage all members and friends to share resources and pool our expertise in order to support one another during this global pandemic. To submit resources, please contact Michelle Picher at michellepicher@nefs.org by email.

On Behalf of the Executive Committee,

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