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March 27, 2020

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

As we progress in this time of uncertainty, we would like to acknowledge the concerns of our society members and stay connected and support one another to keep each other healthy and safe.

The priority of our group is to ensure the safety and well-being of our patients, staff, and healthcare workers. As such, we are providing guidance and support to our membership as they care for patients in the midst of the pandemic. There is active discourse in the fertility community regarding the best course of action at this time. We are working to ensure that all of our members are aware of the dialogue taking place to balance the need for patient and physician autonomy and suspension of practices due to reduce exposure and mitigate consumption of personal protective equipment.

At this time, we are aware that many practices in New England have suspended new treatments and diagnostic testing while others have remained open. We are including the communications from the American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) and the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology (SART) as well as the information from ASRM-NPG, Centers for Disease Control (CDC), and the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to maximize your access to pertinent information.

If you would like to share additional resources please reach out to our Administrator, Michelle Picher at michellepicher@nefs.org. We look forward to pooling our expertise in order to support one another during this global pandemic and as we return to full capacity in the future. If you would like to participate in a virtual meeting to discuss these topics further, please contact us and we will arrange it soon.

On Behalf of the Executive Committee,

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ASRM links (American Society for Reproductive Medicine):

<https://www.asrm.org/news-and-publications/covid-19/statements/patient-management-and-clinical-recommendations-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic/>

<https://www.asrm.org/news-and-publications/covid-19/>

<https://www.asrm.org/news-and-publications/news-and-research/announcements/covid-19-staff-and-clinical-practice-sustainability-during-the-pandemic/>

ASRM NPG (Nursing Professional Group) Webinar: UPCOMING WEBINAR - Fertility Nurses take on COVID-19

When: Mar 26, 2020 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Topic: Fertility Nurses Take on COVID-19

Please register in advance for this webinar at the following link:

https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_SM_LkemkSS-Fe970ccqOLgh