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24th FERTILITY TREATMENT,
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CONFERENCE

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2017
8:00AM - 5:00PM



2017 Keynote Speaker:
NANCY KERRIGAN

RESOLVE New England is thrilled and grateful to welcome Nancy Kerrigan as this year's featured speaker. A Massachusetts native, Nancy was an Olympic, World and National champion figure skater. She won a bronze medal at the 1992 Winter Olympics, was the 1993 US National Champion and won a silver medal at the 1994 Winter Olympics. As a professional figure skater, she performed in many ice shows, including Champions on Ice and Broadway on

Ice. While a contestant on season 24 of Dancing with the Stars, Nancy shared that she and her husband Jerry Solomon had experienced secondary infertility and multiple pregnancy losses. She and her dance partner had a moving performance, inspired by these struggles to build her family. We appreciate Nancy's openness about her journey, which helps break down stigma and strengthens our community.

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8:00 AM – 8:45 AM Registration & Exhibition Open
8:45 AM – 9:30 AM Keynote Address - Nancy Kerrigan
9:40 AM -12:30 PM Sessions A and B
12:30 PM -1:45 PM Lunch
1:55 PM – 3:15 PM Session C
3:15 PM – 3:40 PM Afternoon Break and Visit Exhibits
3:40 PM – 5:00 Session D

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CONFERENCE FEES

(Includes Breakfast & Lunch)
\$169 (one person)
\$229 (two people)
A household membership is included in conference registration.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION

*\$30 Late Registration Fee added to all Conference Fees
*Lunch NOT Guaranteed

T: TREATMENT
M: MALE FERTILITY
A: ADOPTION
D: DONOR CONCEPTION
S: SURROGACY
E: EMOTIONAL HEALTH
C: COMPLEMENTARY

LUNCH TABLES

General Infertility
Secondary Infertility
International Adoption
Domestic Adoption
Donor Egg
Surrogacy
Surviving the Two-Week Wait

SESSION A

9:40 AM - 11:00 AM

Infertility 101 T

This session will help you understand various aspects of infertility treatment, including the infertility workup; how to interpret results; medications; new treatment options; and how to assess your next steps. **Presented by:** Jennifer Keller Brown, MD, Northeastern Reproductive Medicine

Talking About Male Fertility T, M

This session will provide a comfortable atmosphere where male fertility issues can be addressed and questions answered. It will include an overview of the most common male fertility testing. **Presented by:** Robert Oates, MD, Professor of Urology, Boston University School of Medicine

All About Fertility Preservation T

This session will describe the medical and financial considerations of egg freezing, embryo banking or male fertility preservation. Whether these procedures are undertaken due to personal choice or medical reasons, patients benefit from being informed and empowered. **Presented by:** Christine Skiadas, MD, and Rita Marrochio, MM (HC), CPC, PCA, Fertility and Reproductive Health, Harvard Vanguard Medical Associates

Overview of Foster Care Adoption A

This session will provide an overview of the process of adopting through the foster care system, including how it differs from other types of adoption, requirements of prospective parents, who the waiting children are, and the supports available to families. **Presented by:** Diane Tomaz, Director of Family Support Services, Massachusetts Adoption Resource Exchange

Your Next Steps: Donor Conception, Adoption, Both? A, D, E

Many individuals and couples explore different paths to building their families. This workshop will focus on how and when some move forward with egg or sperm donation, some choose adoption, and some head down two paths at once. We will address practical, financial, social and ethical issues and hear from a panel of parents. **Presented by:** Ellen Glazer, LICSW, Family Building Counselor and Coach, Co-author of "Having Your Baby through Egg Donation" and author of "The Long Awaited Stork"

Surrogacy: Practice and Legal Matters S

This workshop provides an overview on how to locate a suitable gestational carrier, the differences between traditional surrogacy and gestational surrogacy and the financial issues including insurance coverage and legal issues. **Presented by:** Victoria T. Ferrara, Founder and Legal Director, The Ferrara Law Group PC and Robert Nichols, Esq., President, Center for Surrogacy & Egg Donation

"Don't Tell Me to Just Relax" E, C

In this session participants will learn how to take back control of their minds and bodies, i.e., to begin to feel the way you were before infertility. Skills acquired include physical (relaxation training, nutrition, exercise recommendations) as well as emotional (how to deal with the pregnancies of others, how to feel less isolated). **Presented by:** Alice Domar, PhD, Founder/Director, Domar Center for Mind/Body Health, Boston IVF

SESSION B

11:10 AM - 12:30 PM

Navigating an IVF Cycle T

Attendees will learn all about an IVF cycle, including the "typical" process, how to manage the unexpected, and strategies for making care accessible financially. **Presented by:** Robert Weiss, MD, Fertility Centers of New England and Alison Zimon, MD, CCRM Boston

Preparing the Way for Egg Donation T, D

This session provides a medical overview of the egg donor process, as well as information about donor screening, coordinating the donor with the recipient, known and anonymous donors, and the use of frozen eggs versus a fresh donor. **Presented by:** Samuel Pang, MD, IVF New England

Endometriosis Survival Kit T

This workshop provides concise knowledge tools to understand and avoid the dangers of under treatment and over treatment of endometriosis, a common condition that can lead to infertility. **Presented by:** Antonio Gargiulo, MD, Brigham & Women's Hospital

Overview of Domestic Infant Adoption A

Join three experienced adoption agency professionals for an exploration of key themes in domestic adoption. Presenters will cover the home study process, preparation of the adoptive family's profile, options for outreach & matching, open adoption, trans-racial adoption, adoption education, and costs. **Presented by:** Marla Allisan JD, LICSW, Full Circle Adoptions, Dale Eldridge, LICSW, BCD, Adoption Choices, and Betsy Hochberg, LICSW, Adoption Resources

Donor Sperm: The Real Story D

Many people turn to donor sperm to help achieve their dream of parenthood, including men with fertility challenges, LGBTQ individuals and couples, as well as single women. This workshop details the donor selection and screening process, and legal considerations with use of both anonymous and known sperm donors. **Presented by:** Polly Crozier, Senior Staff Attorney, GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders and Eric Kendall, Clinic Liaison, Seattle Sperm Bank

Intended Parents and Gestational Carriers S, E

For parents building their families through surrogacy, the gestational carrier becomes the most important person in the world. However, navigating this relationship can be uncertain (and even challenging at times). This workshop will include advice about ways for IPs to communicate and support GCs, while respecting privacy. **Presented by:** Shira Duby, mother of three via surrogacy, Abby MacDonald, LICSW, private practice and Jes Stumpf, Vermont Surrogacy Network

Empowering Yourself to Access Insurance Benefits and Financial Resources C

Many individuals and couples struggle to pay for fertility treatment. Egg donation? Genetic testing? LGBTQ? Cycle limit? No benefits? Gain tools, tips, strategies and self-confidence to optimize access to infertility benefits and discover funding options that are available. **Presented by:** Elizabeth Davolos, Business Office Manager, CCRM Boston, and Davina Fankhauser, Co-Founder and President, Fertility Within Reach

SESSION C

1:55 PM - 3:15 PM

Medical Overview of LGBTQ Family Building T

This workshop will provide an overview of clinical options for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or queer individuals and couples that are seeking to build their families. This will include the process of donor egg, donor sperm, and surrogacy, as well as the importance of responsiveness to the unique needs of LGBTQ communities on the path to parenthood. **Presented by:** Carol Anania, MD, Fertility Solutions

Journey Through the IVF Lab T

An experienced IVF Lab Director will explain—in language all can understand—what happens to eggs, sperm and embryos in the IVF lab, as well as how critical decisions are made during the care and development of embryos. The workshop will provide an overview of all that individuals and couples should know about an IVF Lab. **Presented by:** Catherine Racowsky, PhD, Brigham and Women's Hospital

Making Sense of Semen Analysis T, M, E

Results from semen analyses can be difficult to understand and tough to cope with clinically and emotionally. This session will provide information and support, with concrete suggestions for how to move forward. **Presented by:** Steve Lazarou, MD, FACS and Kristen Darcy, fertility coach, motivational speaker, and author of "Love and Infertility"

Adoptive Parents Panel A

Adoptive parents share their stories, including how they made decisions along the way and advice they feel is important to share with others. **Moderated by:** Elizabeth Donalds, Pys.D, private practice

Surrogacy and Donor Conception: Psychological Aspects and Disclosure D, S, E

This workshop discusses the emotional and ethical issues for men and women, secrecy vs. privacy and also deciding how and when to talk with your child and others about donor egg, donor sperm and surrogacy. **Presented by:** Nancy Docktor, RNCS, private practice and Katie Lynch, LICSW, Present Heart Counseling

Egg & Embryo Donation: Choosing a Donor & Securing Your Parental Rights D

This workshop will give insight into the people who donate their eggs or embryos, as well as provide an overview on how to select the right donor for you and your unique needs. It will also address financial issues and the important steps you must take to ensure your parental rights. **Presented by:** Chrissy Hanisco, Esq., The Stein Law Firm, PLLC and Julie Richardson-Paige, Owner, Tiny Treasures, LLC

Creating Connections: Cultivating intimacy while growing your family C

When couples are struggling to build their family, their relationship can struggle too. This session will feature ways to stay connected as a couple, while focused on becoming parents. **Presented by:** Elliott Kronenfeld, LICSW, CST, Insight Psychotherapy, and Andrea Syrtash, Relationship Author and Founder of pregnantish

SESSION D

3:40 PM - 5:00 PM

Understanding Ovarian Reserve Testing T

Ovarian reserve testing is the cornerstone for evaluating a woman's fertility potential and for selecting fertility treatment options. However, interpreting and understanding the results of ovarian reserve testing may be confusing and frustrating for patients. This workshop will provide an overview of the clinical uses of ovarian reserve testing, including a discussion of the "biological clock", how test results may influence treatment decisions, and how results may be affected by age and other factors. **Presented by:** Aaron K. Styer, MD, CCRM Boston

Genetic Testing During Fertility Journey T

This session will cover various genetic testing options available to individuals and couples who are trying to build their families, including pre-pregnancy carrier screening and pre-implantation genetic screening and diagnosis (PGS & PGD) of embryos. **Presented by:** Erin Armenti, MS, LCGC, CooperGenetics and Elizabeth Ginsburg, MD, Brigham & Women's Hospital

Methods to Improve IVF T

Innovations or Fads? This thought-provoking discussion regarding the future of IVF will include: simpler initial evaluations, cheaper drug costs, decreased testing and monitoring, automating embryology processes, natural cycles, in vitro maturation, and optimizing implantation. **Presented by:** John Petrozza, MD, Massachusetts General Hospital Fertility Center

The Emotional Journey of Adoption A, E

This session will help participants understand more about maintaining emotional health during the entire adoption journey, for both parents and children. This includes how to talk to your child about how your family was built and what to expect at each developmental stage. **Presented by:** Kristen Craig, LICSW, Boston Post Adoption Resources (BPAP) and Kelly DiBenedetto, LMHC, BPAP, and co-author of "Adoption is a Lifelong Journey"

Donor Conception & Surrogacy Parents Panel D, S

A panel of parents who built their families through donor conception and/or surrogacy will share their experiences and answer questions. **Moderated by:** Gina-Marie Madow, Esq., Circle Egg Donation and Circle Surrogacy

Pregnancy Loss Panel Discussion E

This workshop with focus on strategies for managing the emotional consequences of pregnancy loss. A panel of people who have experienced pregnancy loss will share their stories, including how they coped and moved forward. **Moderated by:** Jennifer Burbridge, Ph.D., Massachusetts General Hospital and private practice.

How to Thrive During Infertility C

Infertility can be one of the most stressful experiences in life. This experiential workshop will be a relaxing way to end the day. Attendees will learn about and try out some tools to help thrive during this challenging time instead of simply surviving. It IS possible! **Presented by:** Lisa Rosenthal, Patient Advocate and Blog Writer & Editor in-Chief at Reproductive Medicine Associates of Connecticut, and Founder of Fertile Yoga

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