

Information for patients and families



Walker Family Cancer Centre

Fertility

What you need to know and why:

- Chemotherapy and/or radiation can temporarily or permanently interfere with fertility for both Men and Women.
- Pregnancy can still occur during treatment, regardless of which partner is receiving treatment.
- The potential for infertility, risk of pregnancy during or right after treatment, as well as sperm banking should be discussed with your oncologist prior to starting treatment.

What to do:

- Prevent pregnancy during treatment due to unknown effects of treatment on unborn babies
- Methods to prevent pregnancy should be discussed and measures taken.
- Family Planning Counseling after Treatment - Counseling regarding family planning after treatment is completed is important for both men and women

Online services and links to services

<http://www.onefertility.com/> Call: **1-877-663-0223**

ONE Fertility (Ontario Network of Experts in fertility) is a new and growing network of fertility treatment centres with an internationally recognized reputation for excellence. Our team of scientists, physicians and researchers are affiliated with McMaster University through teaching and collaborative research. Located in Burlington.

www.fertilefuture.ca Call: **1-877-HOPE (4673)-066**

Fertile Future is a Canadian non-profit organization that provides fertility preservation information and support services to cancer patients and oncology professionals. They provide a telephone support line and a power of hope cost reduction program to help offset the cost of fertility preservation in cancer patients.

Personal Notes / Reminders:
