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## Fertility Preservation Seminars

Posted by DanT - 2009/02/23 14:43

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Hello everyone

The Leukaemia Foundation is holding Fertility Preservation Seminars for people affected by blood cancer in the NSW region.

As many of you know, some chemotherapy and radiotherapy regimes can compromise fertility in both men and women. In women, some types of chemotherapy and radiotherapy can cause varying degrees of damage to the normal functioning of their ovaries. This can lead to early menopause. In men, sperm production can be impaired for a while but the production of new sperm may become normal again in the future.

There are some options for preserving your fertility. To hear more about these options please come along to the Leukaemia Foundation's two free seminars on fertility preservation.

Details are below:

Wednesday 25 MARCH

FERTILITY PRESERVATION FOR PEOPLE WITH BLOOD CANCER

Speaker: Dr Christopher James, IVF Specialist

Venue: WRD, 2/26 Ralph Black Drive, North Wollongong

Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Saturday 23 MAY

FERTILITY PRESERVATION FOR PEOPLE WITH BLOOD CANCER

Speaker: Dr Raewyn Teirney, IVF Specialist

Venue: Rockdale City Council Conference Room, 2 Bryant St, Rockdale

Time: 10am – 12 pm

All seminars are free and refreshments will be served!!

FOR INFORMATION AND BOOKINGS

Please contact Snezana

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or refer to Leukaemia Foundation's website [www.leukaemia.org.au](http://www.leukaemia.org.au)

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Danielle

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## Re:Fertility Preservation Seminars

Posted by Blue Sky - 2009/02/27 00:16

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Thanks Dan - those seminars sound really valuableB) , not only for young persons who've been diagnosed with a blood cancer or who are at higher than average risk, but for their supporters eg parents or guardian. As JOJO on these forums can attest, it may be a parent who has to go out and do battle to preserve the fertility of a daughter or son who's been diagnosed with a blood cancer.

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Cheers,

Ed.

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## Re:Fertility Preservation Seminars

Posted by LesleyH - 2009/04/03 07:57

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Totally agree.....at the moment though, it seems as if you are lucky to even be given rudimentary information-something must change and soon. The assumptions have to stop too..ie this treatment causes this and that.....everyone is different-there is no way of predicting with any absolute accuracy or certainty the outcome of most treatments (other than maybe TBI etc), particularly as we are increasingly hearing that against the odds, younger survivors are spontaneously conceiving, when initially they are told there isn't any or a very very slim chance.

Lesley :)

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