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ASRM to celebrate 75th anniversary at 2019 Congress in Philadelphia

The ASRM 2019 Scientific Congress & Expo will take place in Philadelphia, PA, October 12-16.

Apropos of the rich history of the hosting city, the Congress will celebrate 75 years since the Society was first formed as the American Society for the Study of Human Sterility in 1944.

Pre-Congress courses on Saturday and Sunday, October 12-13, will range from the latest on subchromosomal variations and mosaicism and their clinical significance in ART practices to reproductive aging, cryostorage management, ethical and legal issues related ART and family building, and endometriosis diagnosis and management. Several half-day courses are available to accommodate the schedules of arriving attendees.

The Scientific Congress & Expo will take place Monday, October 14 through Wednesday, October 16. Attendees will experience full days of plenary and keynote lectures, symposia, and interactive sessions combined with presentations of cutting-edge research in reproductive medicine and biology. In addition, the Congress offers vast networking opportunities through roundtables, Expert Encounters, and members’ meetings, and connections.

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What’s New?

Access to Care Special Interest Group approved

ASRM recently made the Access to Care group an official Special Interest Group of the Society.

The purpose of the group is to foster the growth of knowledge among the ASRM membership and the medical community regarding the unmet needs that exist today in access to reproductive care; highlight the disparities, barriers and impact; provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and information; stimulate a networking of individuals among ASRM members with special interest in access to care; promote the advancement of policy initiatives, research and advocacy related to the goal of achieving universal access to reproductive care, in the United States and globally.

ASRM members can join the group online when renewing online or call the ASRM administrative office to join by phone.

Patients urged to Start with SART

The Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology (SART) recently unveiled a patient awareness campaign that emphasizes the importance of ensuring a clinic is a SART member when deciding where to undergo treatment.

The #StartWithSART campaign highlights that SART members must conform to industry practice and ethics standards, are directed by board-certified reproductive endocrinologists, must accurately report outcomes, and must maintain lab certification.

ASRM expands offerings of patient education fact sheets in Chinese

ASRM recently expanded its catalog of patient fact sheets in Chinese, which combined with patient education booklets, now total more than 50 documents in Chinese. There is also an extensive number of patient fact sheets and booklets translated into Spanish.

To view all of ASRM’s patient fact sheets, visit ReproductiveFacts.org, and click on News and Publications > Patient Fact Sheets and Booklets.

ASRM introduces micro-presentations

ASRM recently launched its micro-presentation platform, which condenses ASRM Practice Committee Guidelines, Guidances, and Opinions, and Ethics Committee Opinion into brief video summaries available on the ASRM website. Videos are typically 5 to 10 minutes in length.

To access micro-presentations, visit www.asrm.org and click on Learning & Resources > Videos/Grand Rounds > Committee Document Micro-presentations.

ASRM welcomes new staff members

ASRM is pleased to announce the recent hiring of two new employees, Zachary Knight, Ph.D., and Christine Whitmer, B.A.

Zachary (Zac) Knight is the Practice Initiatives and Guidelines Specialist. He collaborates with the ASRM Practice Committee and various task forces of subject experts to produce evidence-based guidelines that endorse best medical practices in reproductive medicine. After teaching and conducting research in higher education for many years, Zac is thrilled to be back in Birmingham, Alabama.

Christine (Chris) Whitmer is the Executive Assistant, supporting the ASRM CEO by coordinating meetings and calls and providing support for the ASRM Board and committees.

Chris has a diverse and varied background which includes years of experience as an Executive Assistant and Operational Support Manager.
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with industry partners via the Expo Hall.

Residents in attendance will once again have the opportunity to participate in the Resident Education Program, which is available at no additional cost to the first 100 residents who register for the Congress. Participants will attend a flipped classroom, interactive learning session, led by experts in reproductive medicine and medical education, and a related symposium.

F&S Journal Club Live, an in-person discussion of a recently published article with the editorial team of Fertility and Sterility, will take place at 5:15 p.m. on Saturday, October 12. The discussion may be viewed live or participants can register to watch online.

This year, in celebration of its 75th Anniversary and in support of the new ASRM Research Institute, ASRM will host a black-tie optional fundraising gala. The Gala will feature an evening of fine dining, mixing and mingling at Philadelphia’s beautiful National Constitution Center on Sunday evening, October 13. Tickets for this event may be purchased when registering for the Congress.

The 75th annual meeting of the Society, focusing on “Celebrating 75 Years of History and Innovation”, will host multi-disciplinary reproductive health professionals from more than 90 different countries. Registration is now open for the Congress, and the preliminary program is online at www.asrmcongress.org.

Join us this year for the ASRM 75th Anniversary Gala benefiting the ASRM Research Institute!

Date: Sunday, October 13, 2019
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: National Constitution Center
Attire: Black tie optional
Tickets: $500 per person up to six individuals. For larger groups or table sales, contact Cara Dawn Byford at cbyford@asrm.org.

Purchase your ticket at www.asrmcongress.org when you register for the Congress. All proceeds will benefit the ASRM Research Institute.
A successful round-up of REI allied health professionals in Austin, TX

The Association of Reproductive Managers (ARM), a Professional Group of ASRM, convened in Austin, Texas, for its annual National Meeting on May 2-3, 2019.

On the evening before the program, attendees experienced an authentic Austin brisket smoking class, including a team-building “sauce-off” competition and a networking dinner.

During the program, multi-disciplinary speakers presented to more than 80 attendees on topics, including The SART Informed Consent Forms and Directives for Frozen Gametes; Risk Management in the Laboratory; Why Patients Drop Out of Change Clinics; Engaging Physician Leadership; Role of the Advanced Practice Provider in the REI Setting; Salaries, Benchmarking, and Staffing Ratios, and “Duty to Warn”: Has Technological Progress Merely Provided a More Efficient Means for Going Backwards?

Attendees also participated in luncheon roundtable sessions to discuss topics such as LGBTQ and patient care, billing Q&A, and discussion sex selection in the setting of complex genetic testing.

The next ARM National Meeting will be held in March 2020 in Atlanta, Georgia.

69 countries represented at the Best of ESRHE & ASRM in New York City

The sixth joint meeting of ASRM and the European Society for Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE) was held March 14-16, 2019 in New York City. Nearly 900 attendees representing 69 countries convened to hear cutting-edge lectures, plenary talks, debates, and sessions that analyzed topics from both the “European” and “American” point of view.

The format of the meeting is to provide effective interaction and discussion of a wide variety of relevant topical subjects. The meeting was attended by a record number of participants and exceeded the very high expectations of this event with critical subjects covered.
Available QBoost Question Banks

The following are a current list of question banks available on the QBoost platform:

Azoospermia
This question bank reviews the current methods of diagnosis and evaluation for men with azoospermia.

Female Infertility
This question bank is available in Spanish.

This question bank provides a comprehensive report on the principles and strategies for the evaluation of couples with infertility associated with obesity.

Familial Gametes
Analysis and counseling for intrafamilial arrangements of gamete donors and gestational surrogates can be complicated. Try this question bank to learn more.

Preimplantation Genetic Testing
Differentiation between the use of testing described as PGT-M, PGT-SR versus PGT-A and the application of each. A review of the different methodologies used in testing the embryo, with risks and benefits. Enroll to learn more.

Role of Metformin in PCOS
Does metformin alone compared with placebo increase the ovulation rate in women with PCOS? Are oral ovulation induction agents alone much more effective in increasing ovulation, pregnancy, and live-birth rates in women with PCOS? Enroll in this question bank to take a deeper dive.

Embryo Transfer
Learn the best practices in embryo transfer, work through the basic mechanisms to the more challenging techniques as you encounter different case scenarios.

Minimal Stimulation
This is a short 7-question bank that evaluates pregnancy and live-birth rates in patients expected to be poor responders using mild ovarian stimulation and natural-cycle protocols vs conventional IVF.

Smoking and Infertility:
A Committee Opinion (2018)
This question bank explores the reviews on the potential deleterious effects of smoking on conception and substantial harmful effects of cigarette smoke on fecundity and reproduction.

Planned Oocyte Cryopreservation
This question bank addresses an emerging but ethically permissible procedure that may help women avoid future infertility. Because planned OC is new and evolving, it is essential that women who are considering using it be informed about the uncertainties regarding its efficacy and long-term effects.

ASRM QBoost
now open for enrollment

ASRM QBoost, which features an educational strategy known as spaced learning, uses automated technology to quiz learners on ASRM committee documents and other materials. Questions are sent to learners via email and can also be sent via app to a personal device, such as a smart phone. The goal of the program is to increase content retention while using a fun learning methodology that can be accessed at a learner’s convenience.

To enroll in ASRM QBoost, visit www.asrm.org/resources/Qboost. You must be logged in as a member to access the enrollment links.

QBoost is supported by the ASRM Corporate Member Council.
“My ASRM”: Your online portal to member benefits

If you’ve been to www.asrm.org lately, you’ve probably noticed a fresher, mobile responsive look. In addition, the navigation has changed to make your benefits easier to access. Here’s an overview of how to use “My ASRM” to access your membership benefits online.

To access any of the following areas, first click on “Login” on the ASRM homepage and enter your username and password. You will be redirected back to the homepage.

Journal Access

What you want to do:
- Access Fertility and Sterility online
- Access JARG online

How to do it:
1. Select “My ASRM” located in the gray navigation bar on a desktop computer or in the condensed menu on a mobile device.
2. Select “My Journals”.
3. You will be redirected to a “Full Access” page, where you can select which journal you want to view online.

Account Changes

What you want to do:
- Renew your membership
- Change your contact information

Online Learning

What you want to do:
- View in-progress, passed, or expired courses

How to do it:
1. Select “My Online Learning” from the “My ASRM” dropdown menu.
2. On the “My Account” page, you will have access to edit any personal information about yourself. Members can update addresses, professional experience, log-in information, and more. You also can check membership status, renew your membership, or join ASRM through this page.
3. Members also may find and register for a new course by selecting “Find A Course.” The course catalog offers searches by keyword, topic, or credit type.

Member Search

What you want to do:
Locate another member by name,
location, professional information, or member group participation

How to do it:

1. Select “My Account” from the “My ASRM” dropdown menu.
2. Click or hover over “Connect” and click on “Find a Member.” You can use the advanced search for additional search fields.

Do you want to enhance your listing in the member directory? Go to “My Account”, make sure all of your contact information is updated, and add your profile picture and professional information.

Member Directory

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<th>Basic Search</th>
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Fill in any of the criteria below to limit your search. None of the fields are required although you must enter something in at least one of them. Fields like First Name, Last Name, Company Name, etc. will perform a partial match. For example, a Last Name search for “Jr” will find everyone whose name starts with “Jr”.

Name

- First Name
- Last Name
- Company Name
- Email Address

Location

- City: Enter a full or partial city name
- State/Province: (State/Province)
- Country: (Country)

Industry

- Academic
- Industry
- Legal Practice
- Medical
- Medical Care
- Non-profit
- Other
- Reproductive Services

Position

- Administrator
- Andrologist
- Attorney
- Business Manager
- Laboratory Director
- Manager
- Marketing Representative
- Medical Director
- Professor, Associate - Clinical
- Professor, Associate - Academic
- Professor, Associate - Clinical
- Psychologist

Questions? Concerns? We can help you with that!

Our Member Services team is more than happy to answer your questions and handle your concerns. Member Services may be reached by telephone at +1-205-978-5000 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Central Time or at membership@asrm.org.

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Community Access
(Note that ASRM communities are still in development.)

What you want to do:

Access an online community for your affiliated society, professional group, committee, interest area, etc.

How to do it:

1. Select “My Communities” from the “My ASRM” dropdown menu.
2. You will be redirected to the “My Communities” ASRM Connect site, the hub for ASRM communities. Here you will see the communities to which you have access.
3. Click on a community name to view community activity and participate.
Two hundred and thirty-three patient advocates, including more than 70 ASRM members, joined forces for Advocacy Day on May 16, 2019. Representing 30 U.S. states including the District of Columbia, participants took on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C., to educate lawmakers and lobby for access to care.

As a result, a bill to increase access to fertility treatment was re-introduced by Congresswoman Rosa DeLauro (CT-03), along with U.S. Senators Cory Booker (D-NJ) and Bob Menendez (D-NJ).

The Access to Infertility Treatment and Care Act would help individuals and families who are impacted by infertility by requiring that health plans offered on the group and individual markets, in addition to the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, TRICARE, the VA and Medicaid provide coverage for treatment of infertility. In addition, the act ensures that these plans also cover fertility preservation services for individuals who undergo a medically necessary procedure that may cause infertility, such as chemotherapy.

“For many American families, the pain and frustration of infertility is made worse by a staggering financial burden,” Senator Booker said in a press release one day after Advocacy Day. “This bill will ensure more Americans have the opportunity to start or build a family by requiring more insurance plans cover treatment for infertility and fertility preservation services.”

ASRM members are urged to contact their congressional representatives in support of bills HR 2803 and S 1461.

Advocacy Day is co-sponsored by ASRM and RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association. Patients, physicians, allied health professionals, and other patient advocates convene in Washington, D.C. to talk to members of Congress about important issues, such as increased access to family building options and financial relief. This year’s cohort marks the largest number of advocates to date for this annual event.