Announcement

Registration Open Now: ARM & NPG 2022
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Message From the Board

Dear NPG Members,

We’d like to start the new year with a small thank-you to you for choosing to be a member. Maybe you choose to be here because you like the sense of community. Maybe you wanted to join because it looks good on your resume, and you are ready to make a move. Maybe you are just getting started on your career and wanted to gain some additional specialized knowledge. Whatever your reason, we are happy you are here.

At our recent board meeting, we discussed establishing a new award for our NPG members - more to come on this very soon! We also discussed our pilot Let’s Connect! program (our first one was on Career Checkups) and what additional topics we will be presenting this year.

We can’t wait to see you at the ARM/NPG meeting. Take a look at our special highlight on the NPG/ARM meeting below!

ARM/NPG Meeting

Registration is now open for the first joint meeting of the ASRM Association for Reproductive Managers and the ASRM Nurses’ Professional Group

Location: Embassy Suites at Centennial Olympic Park in Atlanta, GA.

Registration Fee for Members: $275
Price includes Friday lunch and a Friday evening networking dinner.

Nurses track includes sessions on genetics, difficult patient encounters, and much more!

There are many roundtable luncheon topics NPG members would enjoy like: Advanced Practice Providers in REI and What is an REI Nurse? Defining, Growing, Optimizing, and Sustaining.

We can’t wait to see you there!
**Pandemic Problems and Possibilities**: how one clinic is dealing with the recent surge

By: Cristina Hubbell, BSN, CPAN

How do we deal with our patients during these challenging days? Our patient population is already in a very delicate emotional state. So many things are out of their control we try to give them some guidelines so they can control unnecessary exposure.

Our patients sign a waiver at their first visit stating that their cycle will be canceled if they test positive during the course of their cycle.

We encourage them to take steps to stay safe and healthy during the course of their cycle:

- Get Vaccinated
- Wear masks when indoors
- Wash hands frequently
- Limit contact with large crowds

**Scripting**

Here is some scripting we use to keep our office and patients safe and healthy.

“Where did this policy come from?”
- Our office uses recommendations from the CDC to help guide our policy.

“I have a positive test, now what?”
- If you are vaccinated, we can see you in the office ten (10) days after a positive test with no symptoms or, if you have a fever, we will see you 24 hours after you are fever free and you have completed your quarantine.

“I have been exposed to someone, now what?”
- If you are vaccinated, you should wait 5 days and be tested. There is no need to quarantine if you are vaccinated. Please monitor for symptoms.

“‘I have been exposed to someone and I’m not vaccinated, now what?’”
- You must quarantine for 10 days from the time of exposure. Please monitor for symptoms and call your doctor if they develop. Anyone who tests positive must isolate. Regarding isolation, according to the CDC: Day 0 is your first day of symptoms. That means that Day 1 is the first full day after your symptoms developed. For those who test positive for COVID but have no symptoms, day 0 is the day of the positive test. Those who develop symptoms after testing positive must start their calculations over, however, with day 0 then becoming the first day of symptoms.

“How long is this policy going to last?”
- Guidelines may change so call the office and check if you have questions or concerns.
Thank You!

If you would like to thank someone, reach out to Caitlin.hebert@sgfertility.com to see your thank you in the newsletter!

“Thank you to Caitlin Hebert for her tireless efforts to spearhead this NPG Newsletter.”
From Patricia Hershberger

The Nurses Professional Group (NPG) is composed of nurse members of ASRM. The NPG’s mission is to increase knowledge through education and research among professional nurses, support personnel and allied health professionals as a means of improving patient care. We are also committed to providing a forum for networking and the promoting the exchange of ideas.

If you are interested in participating within a committee you can reach to the committee chair (see box above) or our member services administrator Megan Miller to get additional information.

Get out the word!

Tell Tool:
An important research study is underway to learn whether a new digital tool can help parents tell their children about their genetic origins. Parents can learn more, view a 3-minute informational video and contact board Chair Dr. Hershberger directly at phersh@uic.edu or by filling out the form at TELL-Tool.com.

Q Boost:
We are looking for Q-boost question writers who are nurses! This is a great way to dabble in research, learn how to write test questions, and stay current with the literature. Reach out to any member of the board and we can get you into the right hands😊😊.

Got an idea for an NPG newsletter article? Join the ECC committee!