

Appendix E – Committee Opinions

A committee opinion offers consensus-based (or evidence-based, when there is sufficient evidence available) guidance relative to a given practice activity. This guidance, in addition to scientific and clinical information, may take into account issues of ethical and financial concerns.

Guidelines

- American Society for Reproductive Medicine/Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology Position Statement on West Nile Virus
released February 2005 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2005;83:527-8)
- Ovarian Tissue and Oocyte Cryopreservation
released October 2004 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2004;82:993-8)
- Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology Position Statement On Donor Suitability of Recipients of Smallpox Vaccine (vaccinia virus)
released April 2004 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2004;81:1172-3)
- Estrogen and Progestogen Therapy in Postmenopausal Women
released October 2003 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2004;81:231-41)
- Round Spermatid Nucleus Injection (ROSNI)
released September 2003 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2003;80:687-9)
- Use of Clomiphene Citrate in Women
released June 2003 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2003;80:1302-8)
- Salpingectomy for Hydrosalpinx Prior to IVF
reviewed May 2003; released July 2001
- Blastocyst Production and Transfer in Clinical Assisted Reproduction
reviewed May 2003; released January 2001
- Does Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI) Carry Inherent Genetic Risks?
reviewed May 2003, under revision; released November 2000
- Repetitive Oocyte Donation
reviewed May 2003; released November 2000
- The Role of Assisted Hatching in IVF: A Review of the Literature
reviewed May 2003, under revision; released August 2000
- Optimal Evaluation of the Infertile Female
reviewed May 2003; released June 2000
- Use of Insulin Sensitizing Agents in the Treatment of Polycystic Ovary Syndrome
reviewed May 2003; released April 2000
- Aging and Infertility in Women

- released January 2002
- The Menopausal Transition
 - released December 2001
- Pre-implantation Genetic Diagnosis
 - released June 2001
- Antiphospholipid Antibodies Do Not Affect IVF Success
 - revised and released October 1999
- Intravenous Immunoglobulin (IVIG) and Recurrent Spontaneous Pregnancy Loss
 - released October 1998 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2004;82:S199-200, Suppl 1)
- Position Statement on Nurses Performing Limited Ultrasound in a Gyn/Infertility Setting
 - released June 1998
- Elements To Be Considered In Obtaining Informed Consent For ART
 - released January 1998
- Electroejaculation (EEJ)
 - released August 18, 1995
- Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI)
 - released November 5, 1994
- Definition of "Infertility"
 - released July 17, 1993
- Definition of "Experimental"
 - released May 17, 1993

Technical Bulletins

A technical bulletin is a brief (six to eight page) presentation of a diagnostic or therapeutic procedure, with selected references from the literature.

- Early Diagnosis and Management of Ectopic Pregnancy
 - released March 2001
- The Evaluation and Treatment of Androgen Excess
 - released April 2000
- New Techniques for Sperm Acquisition in Obstructive Azoospermia
 - released August 1999
- Vasectomy Reversal
 - released August 1999

Educational Bulletins

An educational bulletin is a review of the literature on a subject of clinical importance. It differs from the evidence-based guideline in that it is utilized when inadequate data of high quality prohibits objective comparisons and clinical recommendations.

- Increased Maternal Cardiovascular Mortality Associated With Pregnancy in Women with Turner Syndrome
released April 2005 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2005;83:1074-5)
- Hepatitis and Reproduction
released December 2004 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2004;82:1754-64)
- Hormonal Contraception: Recent Advances and Controversies
released August 2004 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2004;82:520-6)
- Current Evaluation of Amenorrhea
released July 2004 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2004;82:266-72)
- Endometriosis and Infertility
released May 2004 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2004;81:1441-6)
- Treatment of Androgen Deficiency in the Aging Male
released May 2004 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2004;81:1437-40)
- Correct Coding for Laboratory Procedures During Assisted Reproductive Technology Cycles
released April 2004 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2004;81:1168-71)
- Smoking and Infertility
released April 2004 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2004;81:1181-6)
- Interpretation of Clinical Trials
released April 2004 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2004;81:1174-80)
- Ovarian Hyperstimulation Syndrome
released November 2003 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2003;80:1309-14)
- Myomas and Reproductive Function
reviewed May 2003; released November 2001
- Multiple Pregnancy Associated with Infertility Therapy
reviewed May 2003; released November 2000
- Effectiveness and Treatment for Unexplained Infertility
reviewed May 2003; released September 2000
- Status of Environmental and Dietary Estrogens – Are They Significant Estrogens?
reviewed May 2003; released August 2000
- Information on Commonly Asked Questions about Genetic Evaluation and Counseling for Infertile Couples
released February 2002

Guidelines and Minimum Standards

- Revised Guidelines for Human Embryology and Andrology Laboratories
published December 2004; approved August 2004 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2004; 82:1736-53)
- Guidelines on Number of Embryos Transferred
published September 2004; approved June 2004 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2004;82:773-4)
- Guidelines for Advertising by ART Programs
published August 2004; approved May 2004 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2004;82:527-8)
- Revised Minimum Standards for Practices Offering Assisted Reproductive Technologies
published September 2003; approved May 2003 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2003;80:1556-9)
- 2002 Guidelines for Gamete and Embryo Donation
released June 2002
- Guidelines for the Provision of Infertility Services
released July 1996 (*Fertility & Sterility* 2004;82:S24-5, Suppl 1)

Joint Reports

Joint reports are collaborations between the ASRM and other medical societies to create documents of importance to the field of reproductive medicine. These reports are intended to provide medical practitioners with a consensus of principles and strategies for the care of couples, and are based on current professional literature, clinical experience, and expert opinion.

- Report on Varicocele and Infertility
written with the American Urological Association, April 2001
- Report on Optimal Evaluation of the Infertile Male
written with the American Urological Association, April 2001
- Report on Management of Obstructive Azoospermia
written with the American Urological Association, April 2001
- Report on Evaluation of the Azoospermic Male
written with the American Urological Association, April 2001