

Duke Oncofertility Program

About Us

The Duke Oncofertility Program is a collaboration between the Duke Cancer Institute's Supportive Care and Survivorship Center and the Duke Fertility Center.

We are a group of fertility experts, patient support providers, cancer doctors, nurses, financial counselors, lab specialists, and more.

We are here to help you through your treatment while keeping hope to help you build a family in the future.

“Thank you so much for the time you spent with us, for the compassion that you showed us and the care you gave.

Melissa
Sarcoma Diagnosis

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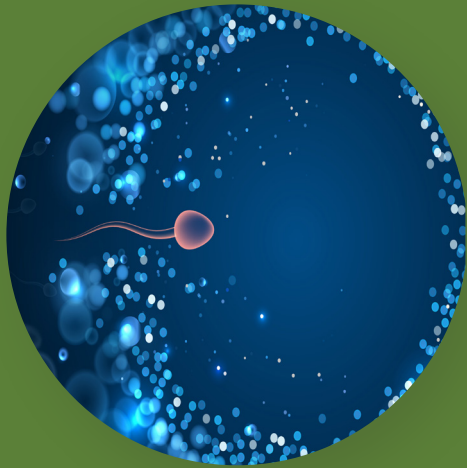


Fertility Preservation

Helping you understand your options



Duke Cancer Institute



Fertility Preservation Services

Egg Freezing
Embryo Freezing
Sperm-Freezing
GnRH Agonist Injections
Hormone Replacement Therapy
Consultation To Discuss Options
And More

“ You all have put me at such ease throughout this whole process, and I am forever grateful to this team.

Katy
Breast Cancer Diagnosis



Frequently Asked Questions

We know that you will have many questions throughout this process. These are some of the most common.

What is fertility preservation?

Fertility preservation is a procedure or treatment used to save your eggs or sperm. This allows you to use the egg or sperm to make a baby in the future.

Is fertility preservation safe?

Yes. Studies have found that fertility preservation does not directly compromise the success of cancer treatments.

Is fertility preservation covered by insurance?

Most insurance policies do not cover fertility preservation. However, there are financial assistance programs available to help cover the cost.

Can cancer treatment impact your fertility?

While some treatments have little to no effect on reproductive health, others are likely to damage the testes or ovaries, resulting in temporary or permanent infertility. Your risk depends on the diagnosis, the type of treatment, and the dose of medicine. Your doctor can tell you if there's a chance that treatment might affect the reproductive system.

If you are not sure you will decide to proceed with fertility preservation, should you see our team?”

Yes, we would love to see you. Even if you decide not to proceed, most patients are happy that they knew their options before treatment in order to make an informed choice.

Frequently Asked Questions for Men

How many appointments are needed for sperm freezing? Usually just one appointment is needed to have a consultation with your doctor and to freeze your sperm.

How long can your sample be stored?

Sperm can be stored in a frozen state for many years. Freezing and thawing does change the sperm quality. Banking sperm before cancer treatment can allow a teenager or young adult to become a father when he is ready.

Frequently Asked Questions for Women

How long does it take to freeze eggs?

The entire process takes about two weeks. We will work with your cancer doctor around your treatment schedule if needed.

How many appointments are needed for egg freezing?

Usually, about 8 to 10 appointments are needed over a 2 week period.

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