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

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