NCCN Releases Statement on Preservation of Fertility Planning Options

PLYMOUTH MEETING, PA [February 29, 2024] — Crystal S. Denlinger, MD, Chief Executive Officer for the National Comprehensive Cancer Network® (NCCN®)—an alliance of leading cancer centers devoted to patient care, research, and education—states:

“Many cancer therapies can negatively affect reproductive health and fertility. Considerations of reproductive health, including fertility preservation and planning, are integral components of appropriate cancer care for people of reproductive age facing or surviving cancer. Evidence-based expert consensus clinical practice guidelines for adolescents, young adults, and all cancer survivors of reproductive age recommend consideration of fertility preservation options as a key component of care. Given the rising incidence of cancer in younger people,¹ jeopardizing access to these necessary services has significant ramifications for everyone engaged in cancer treatment planning and delivery. NCCN urges policymakers to protect fertility preservation and planning services, including in vitro fertilization, to ensure people facing and surviving cancer have equitable access to appropriate fertility preservation options as a standard part of cancer care.”

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