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President's Greeting



Maureen Kelly, M.D.
President

The first PARES meeting of the 2017-2018 year on September 14th set the tone for what will be an auspicious year of speakers. In conjunction with DVRBG, we welcomed David Keefe, M.D., Chairman and Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at NYU Langone Medical Center. The dynamic Dr. Keefe peppered his scientific discourse on genomic instability, telomeres and oocyte aging with tales of life with five children and ancient Chinese prescriptions for longevity. It

is impossible not to be both entertained and enlightened by Dr. Keefe and we were not let down.

Our next meeting on November 16, 2017 will bring one of urology's great clinicians and surgeons to us, Peter Schlegel, M.D., Urologist-in-Chief at NY Presbyterian/Cornell Weill with a talk entitled Male Factor: Where does it matter? It will be another evening with the chance to hear from a dedicated leader in our field but this time the focus will be on the other side of the equation. Join us as we unravel the nuances of male factor and please extend the invitation to those urologists with whom you closely work. Adding to the excitement of the evening is our new venue, the National Liberty Museum. The museum is located at 321 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA and extensive, discounted parking is nearby in The Bourse Garage, 400 Ranstead Street.

I learn so much from our speaker series, not just from our speaker but also from the inquisitive audience with their erudite questions and hope that you do too. Looking forward to seeing many of you on November 16, 2017.

Maureen Kelly, M.D.
President, Philadelphia Area Reproductive Endocrine Society
Founder & Medical Director, Society Hill Reproductive Medicine

THE PHILADELPHIA AREA REPRODUCTIVE ENDOCRINOLOGY SOCIETY

Cordially invites you to our next meeting



**Male Factor:
Where does it matter?**
Speaker: **Peter N. Schlegel, M.D.**
New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell
Urologist-in-Chief

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017

Cocktails 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Dinner followed Lecture and Q/A – 7:00 PM

**VENUE: National Liberty Museum,
321 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia**

RESERVATION FORM

**Payment by check or online at
www.paresociety.org**

We cannot accept payments at the door.

(If paying by check, please detach and return to our office with your check.)

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\$70.00 _____ number attending x \$70.00 = \$ _____

Non-Members

\$80.00 _____ number attending x \$80.00 = \$ _____

RSVPs are due no later than Tuesday, November 7th.
Please make your check payable to P.A.R.E.S. and mail it to
308 Rolling Creek Road, Swarthmore, PA 19081.

I will attend the program featuring Peter N. Schlegel, M.D.
on Thursday, November 16, 2017.

Attendee names _____

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PHOTOS OF THE SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 MEETING



“What causes genomic instability during preimplantation embryo development?”

Speaker: David Keefe, MD

Stanley H. Kaplan Professor & Chair of OB/GYN, Department of OB/GYN
Professor, Department of Cell Biology, NYU Langone Medical Center



Dr. Kelly and Keefe



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Instructions for Contracting to Provide IVF Services to Wounded Veterans

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Earlier this year, ASRM shared the news that the Department of Veterans' Affairs issued a rule implementing the IVF benefit for certain wounded veterans required by public law 114-223. Fixing this gap in coverage for our veterans has been a major goal of ASRM and the highest priority for our advocacy efforts.

The VA and its contractors have been working with SART clinics to set up contracts to provide this new IVF benefit in places where veterans have sought care and have been identified as being eligible for the benefit. The good news is that several veteran couples are currently being treated!

Still, we hear from VA representatives that contract negotiations have been slow in some places, and certainly as the word reaching more in the veterans' community that this benefit is available, the need for providers will only increase. ASRM strongly encourage SART clinics to work with the contractors to serve this patient population. Helping these patients is a priority and essential to demonstrating to Congress the success of the program and the importance of extending funding for it (the current benefit is only authorized through September 2018.)

How can you help?

First, please review information on the Veterans Health Administration's Office of Community Care website. [Here](#) you will find information about the two Patient-Centered Community Care (PC3) provider networks that the VA has contracted with to administer this program. If you are an REI provider interested in offering IVF treatment to eligible Veterans as a Community Care/Patient-Centered Community Care (PC3) provider, you must first [enroll](#) to be a part of either the Health Net or TriWest provider networks. Each network covers a specific geographic territory. Please consult the [map](#) to learn which PC3 provider network covers your location. Once you have determined which PC3 network covers your location, please contact them to register your interest in becoming a partner in providing this benefit.

Because the contract process can be lengthy, contracts are being set up as eligible veterans have been identified. Should you already be working with a veteran couple, it is important that the couple contact their local VA Medical Center to determine eligibility before they begin the process with your clinic.

Second, please consider ways you might be able to help distribute the VA [flyer](#) that tells veterans about the new benefit. Consider posting it on your website and/or printing copies for your waiting room. If you are active with your local VA community, please consider sharing it there as well.

Third, please know that ASRM is continuing to advocate (again the current law sunsets in 2018) for our wounded veterans and that the VA have the resources it needs to reimburse for the IVF benefit. A provision to extend this benefit for another two years has been included in the appropriations measure Congress is currently considering. Should we need your assistance in advocating with your elected policymakers on this issue, we will be sure to alert you and ask for your help.

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Editor's Note: A survey of our membership indicates that many of our members' centers offer discounts to military personnel but none replied that they have contracted yet with the VA. Please be sure to let us know if/when your center seeks contractor status and how the process works for you and your patients.





In Vitro Fertilization (IVF) Treatment Now Offered to Eligible Veterans

**Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Specialists
Can Contact Health Net or TriWest for more
information on how to become a part of VA's
Patient-Centered Community Care (PC3) network.**

Earlier this year, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) amended its fertility counseling and treatment regulations to include in vitro fertilization (IVF). The new benefit offers IVF as an option for eligible Veterans with service-connected disabilities that result in infertility.

This benefit also gives the spouses of these eligible Veterans access to infertility evaluation and treatment, including IVF.

VA will provide this benefit through its PC3 network pending referral from a VA provider. If you are interested in offering IVF benefits to Veterans as a PC3 provider, contact Health Net or TriWest to enroll.

Health Net

- Provider Customer Service: **1-866-606-8198**, Option 2
- Email: HNFSProviderRelations@Healthnet.com
- Website: <http://www.hnfs.com/content/hnfs/home/va/provider/options-for-providers/join-our-network.html>

TriWest

- Provider Services Contracting: **1-866-284-3743**
- Email: TriWestDirectContracting@triwest.com
- Website: www.triwest.com/provider

2017–2018 MEETING SCHEDULE



Thursday, November 16, 2017

**** VENUE – National Liberty Museum
321 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA

Male Factor: Where does it matter?

Peter N. Schlegel, M.D.
New York Presbyterian/Weill Cornell
Urologist-in-Chief



Thursday, January 11, 2018
JOINT OB/PARES MEETING

**** VENUE – Philadelphia County
Medical Society Building
2100 Spring Garden Street, Philadelphia, PA

The Creation of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists. The impact of sub-specialization and the ever-changing influence of technology in our clinical practice.

Hal C. Lawrence, III, M.D.
Executive Vice President, Chief Executive Officer
American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists



Thursday, April 19, 2018

**** VENUE – National Liberty Museum
321 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, PA

Topic: TBD

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