

FAQs

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information. When we ask for the annual updates you may decline to provide answers or permission to review your medical records if you are uncomfortable with sharing this information. Please let us know whenever we have touched on a sensitive area.

What are my rights as a participant?

Taking part in this study is voluntary. You may choose not to take part and you may leave the study at any time.

Will I/my child be able to have children?

Most patients who have been treated for Wilms tumor will be able to become mothers and fathers. There are some exceptions to this generalization. Females who receive total abdominal radiation therapy may be sterilized by this treatment. If you do not know what your treatment was, please contact the institution where you were treated. If you have lost the address or phone number, we would be happy to provide it to you. In addition, patients, especially males, who received cyclophosphamide may become sterile.

What tests can be done to find out whether I/my child is infertile?

A laboratory test called a semen analysis can be performed in sexually mature males. However, even a semen analysis that shows total absence of sperm is not definitive. Men have sired pregnancies within 6-12 months of having a semen analysis that suggested that they were sterile. Men can receive evaluation from a specialist called a urologist. Most large metropolitan areas have one or more urologists who specialize in male infertility evaluation. Women can undergo a variety of endocrinological tests suggested by their gynecologists. These tests can determine whether the ovaries are functioning normally.

The True Heroes – Our Inspirational Participants

To Whom It May Concern:

I filled out your survey. I just wanted to thank you all for being concerned. Not everyone understands the feelings of people with cancer. I know someday there will be a cure.

Whenever I had cancer the doctors did so much. I thank them from the bottom of my heart. Thanks to them I have so many memories from my family. I have 5 wonderful nieces, 5 great nephews, and a great nephew on the way. I can't have children of my own due to all of my surgeries but I have lots of "kids" with my family and I visit all the hospitals around and visit with these kids. My goal is to get up to Tennessee to visit with the great kids at St. Jude. Those are the true heroes of the world.

So guys, just keep up the good work. I just wanted to thank you all.

*Thanks again,
Kimberly Gower*



PREGNANCY AND HEALTH OF OFFSPRING

“Can I have children?”

“Will treatment I had when I was a child have any impact on the health of my kids?”

You can help answer these questions by choosing to participate in the Late Effects Study. When we receive a report of pregnancy we ask the mother to fill out a one page questionnaire about the pregnancy. If the pregnancy lasted more than twenty weeks we will ask her permission to obtain the medical records on this pregnancy. As our study continues, and if we have received your permission to do so, we will request annual updates on the health of your children.

Researchers are working to see if there is any relationship between treatment and pregnancy outcomes. Please stay in contact with us so that we can share any future publications with you.

If you want to report a pregnancy, or request that we keep you informed when manuscripts are published, please call us any time at (800) 553-4878. ❖

INFERTILITY RESOLVE

Infertility Resolve is a nonprofit organization founded in 1974 to provide timely, compassionate support and information to those who cannot have children or are having fertility problems; and to increase awareness of infertility issues through public education and advocacy.

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