# Fertility Institute of Hawaii

# Ho'ohanau\*

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\*Ho'ohanau Means to reproduce & fertile

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#### FIH IS FEATURED ON LIVING808

On August 30, 2017, Drs. Frattarelli and Karmon were featured on the local TV show, Living808, helping to educate the audience about Fertility Preservation. Fertility Preservation provides options for many people, including single women, men, same-sex couples, as well as those who may be going through any type of chemotherapy or radiation treatment. Fertility preservation involves a woman freezing her eggs or embryos (fertilized eggs) at a younger age in case she needs to use them at an older age when she is more likely to experience infertility. Men may choose to freeze sperm for various reasons as well, which could include cancer or overseas military orders, and the like. All preservation services are available here at FIH.



#### HAWAII'S TOP DOCTOR IN 2017



Dr. John Frattarelli has again been recognized as one of Hawaii's best doctors, for the ninth consecutive year. This is quite an honor to him, as well as to our dedicated and hard-working staff in both our Kailua and Honolulu offices. Thank you so much to our patients for all of your love and support. Dr. Frattarelli looks forward to another year of doing what he does best, and that is providing compassionate and individualized care to his patients while helping them to start or complete their family.

### **BE MORE THAN PINK!**

On Sunday October 15<sup>th</sup> 2017, FIH had the opportunity to participate and sponsor the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure at Kapiolani Park. As a sponsor of the event, in conjunction with KHNL, our group of over 15 staff members and their families walked to show their support of heightening awareness for education and support of breast health. The walk welcomes breast cancer survivors, those still battling, and thousands of supporters. The goal is not only to raise money, but to rally around these women with a show of solidarity and support. Up to 75% of the funds raised in Hawaii's Race for the Cure Walk stay on the Islands to support local programs through educational outreach and Community Grants. Up to 25% of the funds raised go to the Susan G. Komen for the Cure Grants program, which supports groundbreaking cancer research. We are honored and privileged to be able to participate in such an impactful event. The walk

was a huge success; it was a gorgeous morning filled with over 7,500 people in attendance. Thank you to all who participated and we look forward to next year's event!



## DIGITAL NEWSLETTER

FIH has joined the digital age, with our electronic newsletter and communication that is. Don't worry, you can still pick up a paper copy at the front reception area when you come to visit us, but you can now sign up to receive our newsletter as an e-mail delivered right to your inbox. This allows you to save an electronic copy to refer back to and helps the environment as well.

Please visit our newly designed website at <u>www.ivfcenterhawaii.com</u>, scroll down to Latest News and Events, and click on the



icon to sign up.



## **RESOLVE PEER SUPPORT GROUPS**

#### **COTOSO VEProud** be held on the from 6:30pm rooms next to Kapiolani Med

Resolve is pleased to announce a new peer support group in Honolulu, HI. Meetings will be held on the first Thursday of every month from 6:30pm to 8:00pm in the conference rooms next to the dining area/cafeteria at Kapiolani Medical Center for Women & Children. The upcoming dates include: For more information, please email your questions or comments to Vanessa, the group leader, at:

Resolvehawaii@outlook.com.

December 7th Conference Room A

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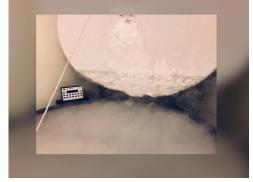
# DONATING EMBRYOS

When couples go through in vitro fertilization and have decided that their family is complete, they sometimes have remaining embryos that are cryopreserved (frozen) in storage. Couples have a choice of:

- Donating for the purpose of embryo adoption.
- Donating for the purpose of quality assurance/research.
- Discarding in accordance with our policies.

Here at the Fertility Institute of Hawaii, we are one of only a few centers in the country to offer embryo adoption and donation. Donating embryos allows another family going though infertility to fulfill their dreams of becoming parents. To find out how you can donate your unused embryos, talk to your IVF coordinator or email us at fih@armghawaii.com.





FIH is currently one of only a few IVF centers in the U.S. that is currently using Embryo Options for fertility patients. Those who wish to cryopreserve unused eggs, sperm and/or embryos for potential use in assisted reproductive treatment (ART) procedures are given access to a secure online portal. With Embryo Options, patients are able to make autopayments for storage, research disposition options and resources when the timing is appropriate, and have access to download complete informed consents or any other necessary paperwork.

#### **BABY OF THE MONTH**

We are currently looking for individuals to participate in our Baby of the Month Photography Storytelling Project, in partnership with Rita Coury Photography, Inc. If you've had a successful cycle with us and are interested in this unique photo opportunity, please let us know. By sharing your inspirational stories, you provide hope and determination to many that are on the journey to building a family. To find out more about this beautiful project, contact our Marketing Manager Robyn at 808-380-8237 or by email <u>robyn@armghawaii.com</u>

To see current "Baby of the Month" photos please visit our website, www.armghawaii.com.





### ACOG HAWAII 2017

Our FIH team including Drs. Frattarelli and Karmon, Senior Embryologist Jamie, as well as our Clinical Liaison Teri, attended the 30th Annual Hawaii Section of the American Congress of Obstetricians & Gynecologists meeting held at the Fairmont Orchid Resort on the Big Island, October 7-9, 2017. As an exhibitor at the meeting for the 7th consecutive year, Fertility Institute of Hawaii educated the attendees about our facility and what sets us apart from others:

Dr. Frattarelli, Dr. Karmon, Anna DeGolier and Tricia Wahl travel to the neighbor islands of Maui and Big Island (Hilo & Kona) to see patients.
All services are provided at our Honolulu office, a full-service experience so there is usually no need to go outside of the office. We have our own pro-

cedure room, phlebotomy and blood draws, semen analysis testing, as well as our Andrology/ Embryology labs on-site.

• Short or no appointment wait times for an initial consultation.

• A founding partner with Donor Egg Bank USA, allowing our patients access to donor eggs of many ethnicities and the ability to do a frozen IVF cycle, lessening cycle start times.

Each year we eagerly anticipate this event, as it allows us the opportunity to interact with our local OB/GYN physicians throughout Honolulu and the neighbor islands.



## UH WELCOME BACK FAIR

Follow us on Facebook, and Instagram, for daily/ weekly practice updates and tips...

Send us your baby photos!!

On Yelp? Write a review about us!



FIH recently attended the UH Welcome Back Fair at the Manoa Campus on August 17, 2017. Our goal was to educate the public and the students about egg donation and how it can give the gift of motherhood to those who cannot conceive using their own eggs. We gave out our famous sperm and egg pens, some snacks, and this year, some personalized Manapua. Fertility Institute of Hawaii is always seeking healthy women between the ages of 21-28 to become anonymous egg donors to help infertile couples. If you are accepted into our egg donor program, you will provide the gift of life to our patients, while receiving compensation for your time. There is currently an immediate need for donors of all

ethnicities and you can donate more than once.

For more information about becoming a donor and the qualifications to do so, please visit <u>https://</u>

www.ivfcenterhawaii.com/ivf-treatments/ become-an egg-donor/ or call our Donor Nurse Coordinator directly at <u>808-380-</u> <u>8234</u>.

