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## MARCH FOR BABIES

The March of Dimes organization was founded by Franklin D. Roosevelt whose own struggle with polio led him to create the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. Once the epidemic of polio ended with the creation of a vaccine, the March of Dimes shifted its focus to preventing birth defects and infant mortality.

On April 22nd Dr. Frattarelli and some of our FIH staff for the 3<sup>rd</sup> consecutive year attended the March for Babies event that took place at Kapiolani Park. This is a nationwide annual event done by the March of Dimes organization to fight premature births so more babies can get the strongest start possible.

For more information visit [www.marchofdimes.org](http://www.marchofdimes.org).

To check out when the next event nearest you is visit [www.marchforbabies.org](http://www.marchforbabies.org)



## DR. KARMON, BOARD CERTIFIED IN OB/GYN AND REPRODUCTIVE ENDOCRINOLOGY & INFERTILITY

A huge round of applause and countless congratulations go out to Dr. Anatte Karmon. She recently passed the final stage of a rigorous testing process to become board-certified in Reproductive Endocrinology, joining only a select few in the state of Hawaii. We praise Dr. Karmon for her hard work, dedication, and endless hours of studying. We are fortunate to have her as a part of our team and look forward to the many patients whose lives

she will touch throughout her medical career. Hats off to Dr. Karmon!



## NEW FIH WEBSITE HAS ARRIVED

Wait no more, [www.ivfcenterhawaii.com](http://www.ivfcenterhawaii.com) is now live! Our newly designed website has been long awaited by many and was months in the making.

What you'll notice:

- Our mobile-friendly site is easier to navigate
- A fresh new look and modern layout that is user-friendly
- Enhanced content specific to infertility and treatment
- New functionalities to download patient documents
- Social media links to keep you up to date with upcoming news and events
- For any comments, suggestions, questions or feedback, please let us know.



## IHS

Winston Churchill said: "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." Mother's Day morning for many of the FIH staff started off bright and early with serving breakfast to both the IHS women's and children's, as well as men's, homeless shelters. FIH hopes to make this an annual tradition and looks forward to participating in other community service events. True kindness can make a day beautiful!



## RESOLVE PEER SUPPORT GROUPS

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:

July 6 Conference Room A

August 3 Conference Room A

September 7 Conference Room C

October 5 Conference Room C

For more information, please email your questions or comments to Vanessa, the group leader, at:

[Resolvehawaii@outlook.com](mailto:Resolvehawaii@outlook.com).



## 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 through 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](mailto:fih@armghawaii.com).



FIH is currently one of only a few IVF center 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 this access, they are able to make auto-payments for storage, explore research disposition options and resources when timing is appropriate, and have access to download complete informed consents or any other necessary paperwork.



## LUNCH AND LEARN

A Lunch and Learn is typically a 30-45 minute training or presentation session facilitated by our office and physicians to employees at other medical offices, followed by a catered lunch. Such programs make them more accessible to physicians who are typically on a tight schedule and are of a less formal structure. Our Clinical Liaison Teri Harada and our physicians Dr. Frattarelli and Dr. Karmon have conducted 4 sessions so far in

2017 and anticipate many more. Lunch and Learns allow FIH to impart knowledge to other medical offices concerning various fertility topics, the latest news and technologies, and provide for open communication and Q & A time. If you know of a local physician's office who would be interested in FIH making a visit to them, please let us know and email [Teri@armghawaii.com](mailto:Teri@armghawaii.com)

## 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 [robyn@armghawaii.com](mailto:robyn@armghawaii.com)

To see current "Baby of the Month" photos please visit our website, [www.armghawaii.com](http://www.armghawaii.com).





## NIAW 2017

Listen UP! Was the theme for National Infertility Awareness Week 2017. NIAW is a movement founded by Resolve to educate people about reproductive health and issues that can make it difficult to build a family. Infertility affects 15% of couples and here at FIH we wanted to help bring awareness and show support to those that are struggling on their family building journey.

Each day during the week of April 23rd-29th, we did something special for our patients going through treatment and of course we had to have our famous sperm cupcakes. We would like to thank everyone for showing support.



## SART DATA

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!



Final SART data for 2014 have just been released, and we are very proud to announce that ARMG/FIH ranked well above the national average in all age categories for live birth rates. We always strive to provide our patients with individualized, compassionate care and our superior preg-

nancy rates certainly can attest to this. Pregnancy rates are reported to the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technologies (SART) and can be viewed by going to their website at <http://www.sart.org/>.

