





Online Module in Searching for Sterility Origin

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Physicians and Other Healthcare Professionals

DESCRIPTION

BACKGROUND

The number of women and couples accessing assisted reproductive technology (ART) is increasing every year, primarily because parenthood has been postponed.

The evaluation and management of infertility has changed substantially over the past ten to fifteen years. Several tests, proven to be of limited value in the study of patients, have been discarded and replaced by newer and more effective tests, while significant advances have been made in ultrasound evaluation. In addition, there have been advances in the surgical approach to pathologies related to sterility, which have led to a greater use of endoscopy and less invasive techniques.

Clinicians who treat patients with infertility face several challenges in selecting the appropriate diagnostic and treatment options for both their male and female patients. Some of the options, particularly when related to advanced maternal age or low responders, are not well-known among gynecologists and primary care physicians. Also, among gynecologists and PCPs there is still not a clear understanding regarding the precise indications of treatment in male/female infertility and some pathologies, such as in the case of adenomyosis.

This education program has been developed to help clinicians better diagnose and treat sterility.

SKILLS

- >To identify situations related to sterility/infertility
- >To determine when it is necessary to order studies on patients and which tests are needed
- >To determine the cause of infertility and a diagnosis by analyzing information from a patient's medical history and examinations
- >To understand when to utilize surgical interventions before ART

PROGRAM

Module 1

FEMALE STERILITY:

- >Ultrasound in reproductive medicine
- >Endometriosis
- >Uterine fibroids
- >Adenomyosis
- >Müllerian malformations
- >Hydrosalpinx
- >Poor response

Module 2

MALE STERILITY:

- >Andrological assessment
- >Varicocele
- >Seminal tract infection
- >Sperm freezing/semen banks
- >Genetic origin of male infertility



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