

Once a year, the Gynecology Research Unit from Université catholique de Louvain shares its world leading experience on cryopreservation and transplantation of human ovarian tissue. During a 2-day course, we form embryologists and surgeons on how to advise patients and oncologists, start and organize an ovarian tissue cryobank, prepare, freeze and thaw biopsies and perform ovarian tissue transplantation. To ensure the proper training of all participants, we offer hands-on practice on cryopreservation and the unique opportunity to be present in the operating theater during transplantation procedure. Additionally, the participants learn new alternatives we are developing to restore fertility in cancer patients: in vitro culture of isolated follicles and creation of a transplantable artificial ovary.

The 7th edition of our annual course on cryopreservation and transplantation of human ovarian tissue and preantral follicle isolation, in vitro culture and xenografting will take place on July 6th and 7th, 2017 at the Université catholique de Louvain (Brussels, Belgium) and we would like to kindly ask the support of the Russian Association of Human Reproduction disseminate this information. Your members will have a 10% discount if they mention RAHR in their registration form. Moreover, additional participants from the same organization will benefit from a 20% discount.

Ovarian tissue cryopreservation and transplantation for fertility purposes has been performed for more than 20 years. Its success rate is around 30% after autotransplantation of frozen-thawed ovarian cortex, with more than 100 live births reported to date. However, ovarian tissue cryopreservation and transplantation is still considered as an experimental procedure. As pioneers of this technique, we firmly believe that it should be implemented in all cancer centers to prevent the devastating effects of cancer treatment on the female gonads, especially in prepubertal girls or when chemotherapy cannot be delayed. We are therefore highly involved in dissemination and application ovarian tissue cryopreservation and transplantation all over the world, advocating for its open clinical application.

The planning for the course as well as the registration form are attached. Please feel free to contact me for more information.

Many thanks in advance.

Sincerely yours,

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