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Greetings!

We wish everyone a very Happy New Year. Welcome to all the new and returning subscribers to our Newsletter! Our continued goal is to provide a forum for discussing exciting new developments, office research protocols and answers to frequently asked questions in male fertility, male and female sexual function and complementary approaches for Urologic disease.

I appreciate all the great suggestions I received for additions to this Newsletter. This month I have added a FAQ column. Please continue to e-mail any questions, comments or suggestions for future topics.

Silimed Testicular Prosthesis Trial Underway

Military Heading Overseas Bank Sperm



Men involved in hazardous occupations has always been an indication for sperm banking. However, with growing concerns over the use of unconventional weapons, many military men being deployed overseas use sperm banking as a guarantee to preserve their fertility.

Much of the concern stems from reports of men returning from the Gulf War. Many Veterans expressed concern regarding birth defects, miscarriages and spontaneous abortions as well as difficulty in becoming pregnant. Several studies were conducted to evaluate the effects of the Gulf War and to date the findings are inconclusive.



Many studies have described the negative psychological effects that can result from the loss or absence of a testicle. These studies suggest that testicular implants provide emotional benefits and a high level of patient

satisfaction. There is currently only one approved testicular prosthesis available, the saline filled testicular prosthesis developed by the Mentor Corporation.

Indications for the implantation of a testicular prosthesis include children with undescended testicles (which might require removal of the testis) or torsion (twisting of the testis resulting in damage to the testis often requiring removal of the testis). Adult males also can experience torsion, other traumatic injuries, or testicular cancer, all of which may require the removal of a testicle.

We are conducting a research study investigating the use of a silicone elastomer testicular prosthesis developed by Silimed Inc. This is a semi-solid device which provides a natural feel and shape. For information about the study please contact our office.

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One particularly large study done of children born in military medical facilities included 33,998 children born to Gulf War Veterans compared to 41,463 born to non-deployed veterans in 1991, 1992 and 1993. This study showed no significant difference in birth defects or fertility rates, however one particular rare birth defect, Goldenhar syndrome created widespread interest. Due to the small number of cases (7) estimates of risk were uncertain and the findings inconclusive.

How the risks to fertility encountered during the Gulf War relate to present day concerns over new biological, radiologic and chemical hazards is unknown. Studies are ongoing to better identify the risks involved and potential protective measures required. While these studies continue, troops deployed to the Middle East are choosing to bank their sperm to keep the odds in their favor.

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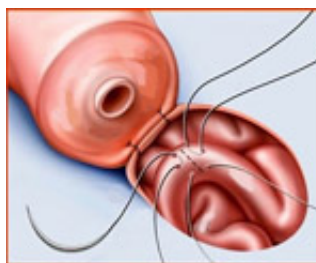
We take great pleasure welcoming Paul Walter to our staff as our Clinical Research Coordinator. Paul is a certified Physician's Assistant who completed his Bachelor of Science in Physician Assistant Studies Summa Cum Laude at Stony Brook University. He also has Bachelor of Science degree in

Biology and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Psychology.

Paul has over 4 years of experience as a Clinical Research Coordinator in an assortment of clinical drug trials. As a research coordinator and sub-investigator he has conducted over twenty five Phase II and Phase III clinical trials.

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Vasectomy Reversal FAQ



Beginning with this issue I will provide answers to questions I have received by email. The answers reflect my personal view and are not intended as medical advice, which can only be given by an appropriately credentialed

physician after a thorough examination and any required studies. This month's question concerns the potential success of a vasectomy reversal many years after having a vasectomy.

Q1:My Husband had a vasectomy 17 yrs ago. He was 22 then as is now 39. What are his chances of having a successful reversal? I am 38 years old and we are newlyweds, talking about having another child.

[FAQ's on vasectomy reversal](#) »

Aviation Medicine Seminar Information



My presentation on Spatial disorientation is now available for download (PDF file) together with recommended references. Thanks to all who were able to attend!



[Spatial disorientation seminar](#) »

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