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Call for Stories: *Cancer and Fertility*

Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics will publish a collection of personal stories from people who have faced a cancer diagnosis – either their own or their child’s – where the treatment threatened future fertility. As more children and young adults become cancer survivors, the need to address the adverse effects cancer therapy can have on future fertility has become more pressing. Children and young adults facing cancer may be offered a number of options before they begin treatment in hopes of preserving the opportunity to have biological children in the future. These decisions are complex for young adults and parents of children with cancer.

We want true, personal stories that describe the experience of trying to preserve fertility prior to undergoing cancer therapy. We also seek stories that describe the experience of patients who lost their fertility due to cancer treatment and did not have the opportunity to discuss fertility preservation. **Please share this invitation and guide sheet with appropriate individuals.**

In writing your story, please consider these questions:

- What were you told about the possible loss of fertility as a result of cancer therapy? How did the information affect you?
- If you were offered fertility preservation options, how did you decide what to do?
- If you were not offered fertility preservation options, how do you feel about this?
- What about your experience was positive? What was negative?
- What could have been done differently to improve your experience?
- What would you want to tell people who face a cancer diagnosis where the therapy might affect future fertility?
- What would you want to tell health care professionals who work with patients facing the possible loss of fertility due to cancer therapy?

You do not need to address each of these questions—write on the issues that you think are most important. If you are not a writer, tell your story in your own words and our editorial staff will help you.

If you are interested in submitting a story, we ask you **first to submit a 300-word proposal**—a short description of the story you want to tell. Inquiries or proposals should be sent to the editorial office via email: narrativebioethics@gmail.com. We will give preference to story proposals received by March 30, 2016.

We plan to publish 12 stories (4 – 10 double-spaced pages or 800 – 2000 words) on this topic. Some additional stories may be published as online-only supplemental material. We also publish 2 – 4 commentary articles that discuss the stories that are published in the journal. To see a finished symposium you may access *Narrative Inquiry in Bioethics* Volume 3.1 for free on [Project MUSE](#).

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