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# Quarterly News

Autumn Update September 2010

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Austin, Texas March 3, 2011

**Hyatt Regency** 

www.aborm.org

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Jefrrey Yuen Fertility Seminar - San Francisco November 13-15,2010 Register here www.aucm.org

> **AOMA Southwest** Symposium March 4-7, 2011 Register here to earn ABORM CEUs www.aoma.edu

**PCRS Annual Meeting** Palm Springs, CA April 13-17, 2011 Regiser here www.pcrsonline.org



### President's Message

Dear ABORM Fellows and Colleagues -

I hope that your Summer was a restful and rejuvenating one, and that your practices are thriving even as our national economy continues to try to climb out of this terrible recession.

The Annual Meeting of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine is just around the corner (October 23rd-27th) in Denver, Colorado. There will be a very good gathering of

ABORM Fellows in attendance at this year's ASRM Meeting, so it will be a good time to catch up, get inspired, and break-bread with our other ABORM Fellows.

I also wanted to invite each of you to get to know your newest ABORM Advisors (listed below). We are very proud that our efforts to expand the pool of expert Advisors for those in the ABORM Membership has yielded individuals such as these - leaders all. Each of these advisors are recognized experts in their respective fields, and they are all available as consultants, advisors, and resources to you should you have questions, ideas, or research that you wish to seek there help with.

From Reproductive Urology (Paul Turek, MD), to Reproductive Endocrinology (Marcelle Cedars, MD, Michael Opsahl, MD,), to Research Coordinator (Dawn Upchurch, Ph.D.), to Embryologist (Christine Briton-Jones, Ph.D.) - we are really very fortunate to have their support for our organization. Our goal is to continue to expand the Advisory Board to include individuals who are open to fostering integration, cooperation and collegiality between our two professions.

Speaking of exceptional opportunities to learn - make sure that you take note of the amazing upcoming workshop by Jeffrey Yuen in San Francisco, November 13th-15th, at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco. "Classical Chinese Medicine Treatment of Infertility: Lessons from the Imperial Physicians" promises to be one of the best Fertility related workshops probably in the last decade. In addition to Jeffrey's encyclopedic knowledge of Classical Chinese Medicine, the Monday session will be devoted to a hands-on training in Jeffrey's unique pulse diagnosis system. This is definitely an opportunity not to be missed, and space is limited. To register go to: http://www.aucm.org/stories.asp?Id=127&Cat=1

I do hope to see many of you in both Colorado and in San Francisco! Now on to more important ABORM Business related to your membership below:

Other ABORM business related to your status as Fellows:

1. 2009 Certified ABORM Fellows must renew their ABORM Membership by April 30th, 2011:

The Requirements are as follows:

**A)** 20 ABORM-Approved CEU's in the subject of Reproductive Medicine. NOTE: CEU's submitted <u>must be ABORM approved courses</u> (see aborm website for list) - unless they are CME's from either the Pacific Coast Reproductive Society annual meeting or the American Society for Reproductive Medicine annual meeting. You must submit CEU or CME Course Certificate with your payment for renewal of ABORM Membership.

**B)** ABORM Renewal Fees: \$200.00. Checks should be made payable to the ABORM, or you can pay by Visa or Mastercard.

Click on the following link to download the Membership Renewal Form:

#### http://www.aborm.org/docs/ABORM Renewal Form.pdf

(CEU's submitted without payment will not be processed).

Renewals that are late by more 30 days, will be assessed a late fee of \$25.00. Renewals that are late by more than 90 days (have not been received by July 30th, 2011) will result in lapsed membership, and the practitioner will need to re-apply to take the ABORM Certification Exam to renew their membership.

**NOTE:** Some of you wrote and submitted Examination Questions for the 2009 ABORM Exam, and for that contribution you received 10 CEU's. Please include this certificate with other CEU certificates when you renew your membership.

I realize that this notification may seem premature, but I know how busy all of you are with life and practice, so planning ahead to get your CEU's is always a prudent thing.

#### 2. Please Join the ABORM Practitioner Discussion Groups:

Go to the ABORM website - www.aborm.org - and click on the links to join both the ABORM Practitioner Discussion Group on google groups (at the top of the home page), and the ABORM Group Email List (at the bottom of the home page). Please join both lists.

The ABORM Practitioner Discussion Group will allow any ABORM Fellow to post a question, idea, suggestion, abstract, case study, or any other area pertinent to the field of Oriental Reproductive Medicine, to the rest of the ABORM members. We have so many exceptional practitioners among us that we must tap in to the riches of knowledge and experience in our midst.

The ABORM Group Email list allows us to protect the environment, and alert you of any ABORM business via email, instead of the postal service. Please take the time to register for both of these groups by clicking on the links on the ABORM home page. It only takes a second.

### 3. Please update your ABORM-website listings frequently:

### Go to: http://www.aborm.org/ABORM certified practitioners.html

Fellows should regularly go to the ABORM Certified Practitioners page on the ABORM Website and check your practitioner listing to confirm that it is correct for your contact information, email and websites. If there is a discrepancy, please email us via the contact page on the ABORM website with the correct information. It is your responsibility as a Fellow to keep us updated with your current contact information that we can correspond to you, and so that patients can find you.

We frequently get requests for patient referrals to ABORM Certified Practitioners, and we can't get these patients to you if your contact information is outdated or incorrect.

## 4. All ABORM Fellows are encouraged to attend the 2011 ABORM Exam and Board Meeting, and to stay on for the 2011 Southwest Symposium in Austin, Texas.

We wanted to let all of you know that the next ABORM Examination will be offered March 3rd, 2011 in exciting Austin, Texas, at the <a href="Hyatt Regency Hotel">Hyatt Regency Hotel</a>. The Exam will be held in conjunction with the Southwest Symposium sponsored by the Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin <a href="hyww.aoma.edu">- www.aoma.edu</a> - and there will a terrific lineup of courses devoted to Reproductive Medicine. We encourage you to come on out, help out with administering the Examination, relax, get some CEU's, and catch up with your other ABORM Fellows.

The last time that the ABORM Exam was held in Austin with the Southwest Symposium was one of the best experiences we have had. Great lectures, terrific support from the

Southwest Symposium, and so much fun to be had in Austin!

Go to the ABORM Website for more information and click on the following link for details: <a href="http://www.aborm.org/certification/exam\_details.html">http://www.aborm.org/certification/exam\_details.html</a>

We also want to invite all ABORM Fellows in attendance at the Exam and Southwest Symposium to plan on attending the **ABORM Reception** to be held on <u>Thursday</u> evening, March 3rd. @ 7:00 PM. Spouses, children, and significant others are welcome.

Ray Rubio, DAOM, L. Ac. (FABORM)

**ABORM President** 

### **Welcome New Advisory Board Members**

We are fortunate to have these distinguished professionals join ABORM as Advisory Board members.

## Christine Briton-Jones, Ph.D. HCLD/Embryologist Lab Director

Dr. Briton-Jones has been working in clinical embryology for more than 20 years and has participated in refining and developing the laboratory techniques that have contributed to the growing success of assisted reproductive



technologies with more than 70 peer reviewed scientific manuscripts and abstracts published in international journals. She is a current member of the Editorial Board of Reproductive Biology and Endocrinology Journal (RBEJ) and is an ad hoc reviewer for: Journal of Reproductive Biology and Endocrinology, Reproductive Biology and Endocrinology Journal Online, Journal of Assisted Reproduction and Genetics, Theriogenology Journal, Human Reproduction and Molecular Human Reproduction. Christine is a member in good standing of the National Guild of Hypnotists, the American Society for Reproductive Medicine and The Pacific Coast Reproductive Society. Her current research interests include hypnosis for infertility, fertility preservation and polycystic ovarian syndrome (PCOS).

### Marcelle I. Cedars, MD

Vice Chair, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences Director, Division of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility

University of California, San Francisco

Dr. Cedars is board certified in both Reproductive Endocrinology and Obstetrics and Gynecology. She is the President-elect for the Society of Reproductive



Endocrinology and Infertility (SREI) and is on the Executive Board of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (ACOG). Dr. Cedars has over 25 years of experience in assisted reproductive medicine, including over 12 years directing IVF laboratories. She has a special interest in Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome and Reproductive Aging. As Director of the Division of Reproductive Endocrinology at UCSF, she has helped to build a partnership between the strong basic science and clinical care being performed at UCSF.

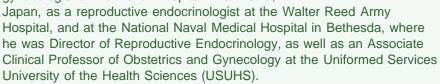
Dr. Cedars has authored more than 80 peer-reviewed publications, and has research funding from the National Institute of Health and private organizations. She currently serves as a reviewer for the NIH and recently completed a term as Chair of the FDA Panel for Obstetrical and Gynecologic Devices. Dr. Cedars is an Associate Editor for Fertility

Sterility and on the Editorial Board for the Journal of Clinical Endocrinology and Infertility.

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Michael Opsahl, MD Northwest Center for Reproductive Sciences Kirkland, WA 98034

Dr. Opsahl has served as an obstetriciangynecologist at the Naval Hospital in Okinawa,



Dr. Opsahl is board certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility. He is a Fellow of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, a member of the Pacific Coast Reproductive Society, American Society of Reproductive Medicine, the Society for Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility, and the Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology. He authored or co-authored over 25 scientific papers. He continues to serve as an ad-hoc reviewer for the medical journals Fertility and Sterility and Obstetrics and Gynecology.

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Paul Turek, MD, FACS, FRSM Reproductive Urologist and Director of the Turek Clinic in San Francisco.

Dr. Turek is one of the most well-respected Reproductive Urologists and Male Factor Specialists in the World. He lectures internationally, is a peer-reviewed, published researcher many times over, author, and he sits on the Boards of several Institutions including the NIH and Lance Armstrong Foundation.



Dr. Turek is Director of The Turek Clinic, a men's health clinic in San Francisco (www.TheTurekClinic.com). He is a former Professor of Urology, Obstetrics & Gynecology at the UCSF and held the Academy of Medical Educators Endowed Chair in Urology Education. He is an internationally noted master microsurgeon and men's reproductive health care specialist.

Dr. Turek attended Yale College, followed by Stanford University Medical School. Following a urology residency at the University of Pennsylvania, Dr. Turek was fellowship trained at Baylor College of Medicine. His 175 publications include basic and clinical research that focuses on germ and stem cell genetics, and epidemiologic studies of men's sexual and reproductive health problems. He is on the Advisory Board of the national Men's Health Care Network and the NIH Reproductive Medicine Network and he is the Editor of the Reproductive Volume of Netter's Images, 2nd Edition, due out in 2011.

He is President of the American Society of Andrology, a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons, the Société Internationale d'Urologie and the Royal Society of Medicine (London). He has chaired numerous courses for the Society for the Study of Male Reproduction and the

Society for Male Reproduction and Urology. In San Francisco, he recently founded a volunteer medical clinic powered by retired physicians for the working uninsured.

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Dawn Upchurch, Ph.D.

<u>Professor, UCLA School of Public Health, Los Angeles,</u>
<u>California</u>

Dr. Upchurch is a Professor for the UCLA School of Public Health where she teaches, among other things, Research Methodology. Dr. Upchurch has taught Research Methodology in both the Emperor's College and Yo San University DAOM Programs and is currently completing her Masters in TCM at Emperors College of

Traditional Oriental Medicine and is conducting TCM research.

A health demographer and epidemiologist., she received her AB at Stanford University and her Ph.D. at The Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She has conducted over 20 years of NIH-funded research in women's health, employing biopsychosocial models to better understand women's health and well-being over the life-span, including reproductive health.

## ABORM 2011 Exam, March 3, 2011 in Austin, Texas

The next ABORM exam will take place in conjunction with the Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin's Southwest Symposium. Registration information and exam preparation details can be found at <a href="https://www.aborm.org/certification/exam">www.aborm.org/certification/exam</a> details.html.

Following the exam will be a reception on Thursday evening, March 3 at 7:00 pm for all ABORM Examinees, Fellows and their families in attendance.

### **Upcoming Seminars and Conferences**

ARSM 66th Annual Meeting, October 23-27, 2010 Colorado Convention Center, Denver, Colorado www.asrm.org

<u>Jeffrey Yuen</u>, November 13-15, 2010 San Francisco, California Classical Chinese Medical treatment of infertility: Lessons from the Imperial Physicians www.aucm.org

<u>Southwest Symposium</u>, March 4-7, 2011 Hyatt Regency Hotel, Austin, Texas <u>www.aoma.edu</u>

ABORM members will enjoy a discount at The 2011 Southwest Symposium, sponsored by the Academy of Oriental Medicine at Austin, so be sure to identify yourself as a Fellow upon registration. The symposium will have an Integrative Track of Fertility courses, co-taught by an REI and a TCM Fertility Expert. Course material will include Male

Factor, Recurrent Pregnancy Loss and PCOS.

<u>PCRS 59tth Annual Meeting</u>, April 13-17, 2011 Rancho Las Palmas Hotel, Rancho Mirage, California (Palm Springs) <u>www.pcrsonline.org</u>

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