

Preservation of Female Fertility: An Essential Progress

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1. Total body radiation administered before puberty can result in ovarian failure when exposures are as low as:
 - A. 5 Gy
 - B. 10 Gy
 - C. 15 Gy
 - D. 20 Gy
 - E. 25 Gy

2. Chemotherapy for reproductive-age women with breast cancer results in ovarian failure for approximately what percent of women?

- A. 10%
- B. 25%
- C. 33%
- D. 50%
- E. 75%

3. Which of the following chemotherapeutic agents is associated with the greatest gonadal toxicity?

- A. Cyclophosphamide
- B. Methotrexate
- C. 5-fluorouracil
- D. Doxorubicin
- E. Bleomycin

4. A natural acceleration of oocyte atresia occurs at about what age?

- A. 28
- B. 33
- C. 38
- D. 43
- E. 48

5. Turner syndrome is associated with very low fertility because of:

- A. Abnormalities of implantation
- B. Abnormalities of placentation
- C. Increased incidence of uterine malformations
- D. Delayed puberty
- E. Accelerated oocyte atresia

6. According to the American Society of Clinical Oncology, the use of gonadotropin-releasing hormone analog (GnRHa) agents to preserve gonadal function after chemotherapy can best be characterized as:
- A. Highly effective
 - B. Possibly effective
 - C. Insufficiently studied to evaluate
 - D. Possibly ineffective
 - E. Ineffective
7. The most established method for fertility preservation according to the American Society of Clinical Oncology and the Ethics Committee of the American Society for Reproductive Medicine is:
- A. In vitro fertilization followed by embryo cryopreservation
 - B. Follicle stimulation followed by oocyte cryopreservation
 - C. In vitro oocyte maturation followed by fertilization
 - D. Mature oocyte cryopreservation
 - E. Embryo vitrification
8. Embryo vitrification offers the promise of improved embryo survival over conventional slow freezing because of reduced:
- A. Cytoplasmic water loss
 - B. Nuclear membrane disruption
 - C. Cryopreservative toxicity
 - D. Ice crystal formation
 - E. Anoxia during the freezing process
9. A patient with breast cancer is considering ovarian tissue cryopreservation with eventual reimplantations of the ovarian tissue after she finishes her chemotherapy. She should be counseled that following transplantation the graft is likely to remain functional for what period of time?
- A. 3–4 months
 - B. 12 months
 - C. 36 months
 - D. To age 50 years
 - E. Indefinitely

10. At the close of an ovarian transposition in anticipation of pelvic radiation therapy, a metal clip is routinely applied to the ovary. The purpose of this is to:

- A. Scatter radiation away from the ovary
- B. Allow the ovary to be located on imaging
- C. Provide positive hemostasis
- D. Provide permanent attachment of the ovary in its new location
- E. Allow the ovary to be replaced in its original location using magnetic resonance imaging (MRI)

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