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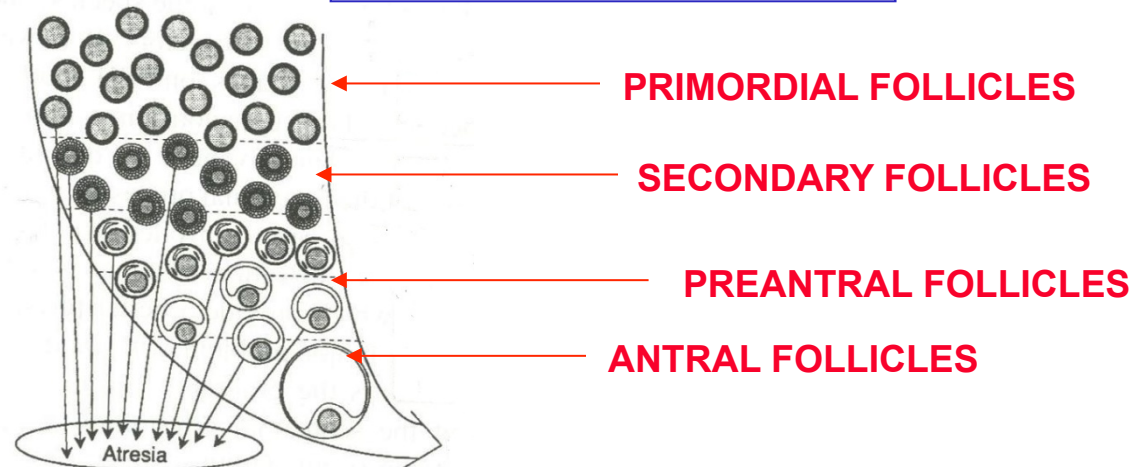
**L'ESPERIENZA DEL CENTRO PER LA  
PRESERVAZIONE DELLA FERTILITA' FEMMINILE  
DEL POLICLINICO S.ORSOLA DI BOLOGNA**

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# CHEMO/RADIOTHERAPY

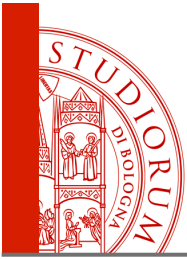
↑ SURVIVAL OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG WOMEN  
SUFFERING FROM MALIGNANT DISEASES

## GONADOTOXIC ACTION

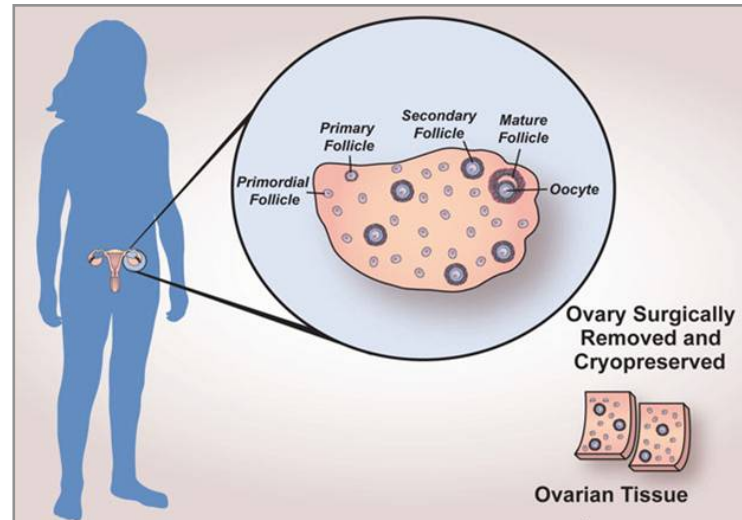


## OVARIAN FUNCTION ALTERATIONS

Reduction of follicle number – hormonal production - fertility  
**Risk of premature ovarian failure (POF)**



# OVARIAN TISSUE CRYOPRESERVATION



- IT ALLOWS TO PRESERVE STEROIDOGENIC AND REPRODUCTIVE FUNCTION
- IT ALLOWS TO RETRIEVE A HIGH NUMBER OF PRIMORDIAL FOLLICLES
- IT CAN BE PERFORMED AT ANY TIME OF MENSTRUAL CYCLE
- IT IS THE ONLY OPTION FOR PREPUBERTAL GIRLS



# OVARIAN TISSUE CRYOPRESERVATION INDICATIONS

MALIGNANT DISEASES		
PELVIC	<u>Non Gynecological</u>	<u>Gynecological</u>
	Sarcoblastoma	Cervical Cancer
	Rabdomyosarcoma	Vaginal Cancer
	Sacral Cancer	Vulvar Cancer
	Recto-Sigmoidal Cancer	
EXTRAPELVIC	Ewing /Osteo Sarcoma Breast Cancer Kidney,Thyroid Cancer Melanoma Neuroblastoma	
SYSTEMIC	Hodgkin/ non-Hodgkin Lymphoma Myeloma Myelodisplasia	

BENIGN DISEASES	
BONE MARROW TRANSPLANTATION	Drepanocytosis Thalassemia Aplastic Anemia
AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE	Lupus Erythematosus Rheumatoid arthritis Multiple sclerosis
RISK OF POF	Turner's Syndrome Family History
BI/UNILATERAL OOPHORECTOMY	Severe Endometriosis Recurrent Ovarian Cysts Ovarian Torsion





# OVARIAN TISSUE CRYOPRESERVATION PROCEDURE

## SLOW FREEZING



**1. BIOPSY BY  
LAPAROSCOPY**



**2. SMALL  
STRIPS**



**3. FREEZING  
SOLUTION**

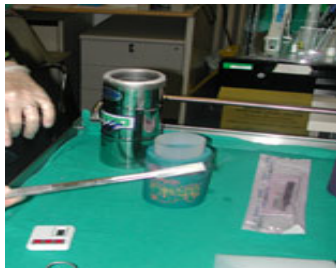


**4. PROGRAMMABLE  
FREEZER**



**5. NH2  
TANK STORING**

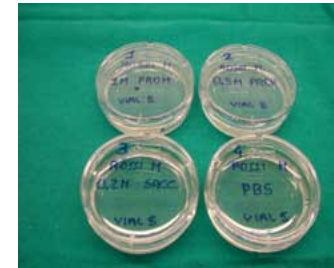
## RAPID THAWING



**1. VIALS AIR-WARMED  
FOR 30 secs**



**2. IMMERSED IN A 37°C  
WATER BATH FOR 2 mins**

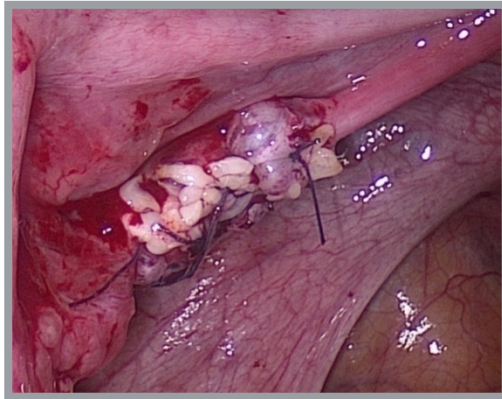


**3. CRYOPROTECTANT REMOVAL  
BY STEPWISE DILUTIONS**



# OVARIAN TISSUE CRYOPRESERVATION APPLICATION

**ORTHOTOPIC  
TRANSPLANTATION**

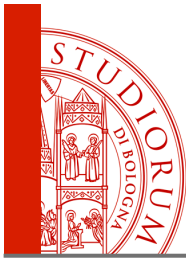


**SPONTANEOUS  
CONCEPTION**

**HETEROTOPIC  
TRANSPLANTATION**



**ASSISTED REPRODUCTIVE  
TECHNOLOGIES**



## Ovarian tissue freezing: current status

Jacques Donnez<sup>a</sup> and Marie-Madeleine Dolmans<sup>b</sup>

### Results of 4 Centres (Denmark, Spain, Belgium, Germany)

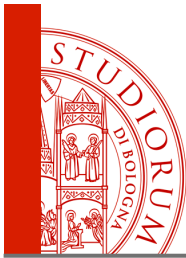
**Table 2.** Results from four centers, allowing evaluation of pregnancy and live birth rates, as the number of transplants is known

Teams	Number of transplanted women	Women who conceived	Women who gave birth	Number of live births	Miscarriages
Donnez, Dolmans	13	3	3	6 (*)(**)	
Andersen, Macklon	25	6	4	6(*)(**)	2
Pellicer	22	4	3	4	1
Dittrich	20	7	4 (+2***)	4 (+2***)	1
	80	20 (25%)	14 (20%)	20	4 (20%)

\*One woman delivered twice.

\*\*One woman delivered three times.

\*\*\*Two ongoing pregnancies.



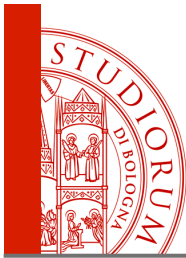
# First Pregnancies, Livebirth and In Vitro Fertilization Outcomes After Transplantation of Frozen-Banked Ovarian Tissue with a Human Extracellular Matrix Scaffold using Robot-Assisted Minimally Invasive Surgerv

Kutluk Oktay, M.D, Ph.D.<sup>a,b</sup>, Giuliano Bedoschi, M.D.<sup>a,b,c</sup>, Fernanda Pacheco, M.D.<sup>a,b,d</sup>, Volkan Turan, M.D.<sup>a,b,e</sup>, and Volkan Emirdar, M.D.<sup>a,b</sup>

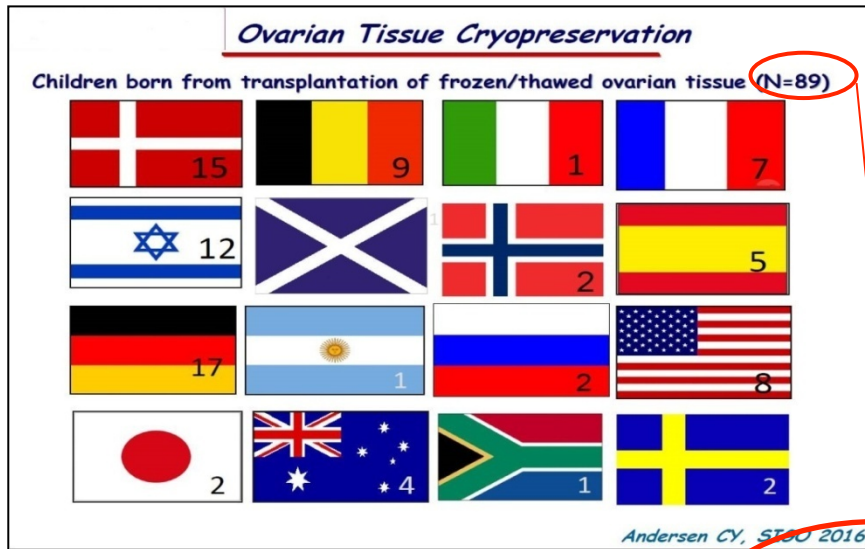
Am J Obstet Gynecol 2016;214:94.e1-9.

## Current outcomes and success rates with transplantation of cryopreserved ovarian tissue

Age at Cryopreservation (range)	23.5 ± 4.7 years (17–36)
Age at Transplantation <sup>a</sup> (range)	30 ± 4.2 years (21–38)
Maternal Age at Delivery	35.6 ± 1.9 years (25–39)
Gestational Age at Delivery <sup>b</sup>	38.1 ± 1.6 weeks (33–41)
Clinical Pregnancy/Patient (%)	24/66 <sup>c</sup> (36.3%)
Live + Ongoing Pregnancy/Patient (%)	18/66 <sup>c</sup> (27.2%)
Endocrine Function/Patient	62/66 <sup>d</sup> , (93.9%)



# OVARIAN TISSUE CRYOPRESERVATION TRANSPLANTATION



**Ovarian Tissue Cryopreservation**

Transplantation of frozen/thawed ovarian tissue (Worldwide October 2016)

	Breast cancer	Mb. Hodgkin	Non-Hodgkin	Ewing & other Sarcoma	Brain tumour	Colon, rectal & Anal cancer	Ovarian cancer	Cervical cancer	CML, AML, ALL	Lymphoma	Haematological malignancies	Malignant without haematological	Non-malignant	Total
	2	3		1	1			3	1				5	16
	16	16	3			4	3			1		2	2	47
	3	9	4	2					2					20
	2	2	3	1			1	5					7	21
	1	5	2		1			1	1			2	6	19
											8	13	1	22
	2	2		3				1					2	10
	1	2	1			1							1	6
UK, Norway		2								1				3
	29	9	9	5	1	2	1	6	0				15	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>241</b>

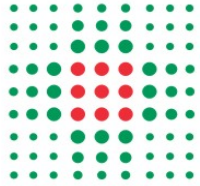
Andersen CY, SGO 2016

**36.9%**

**CHILDREN BORN UP TO 2017 > 130**

(Donnez J & Dolmans MM, N Engl J Med. 2017 Oct;377(17):1657-1665)





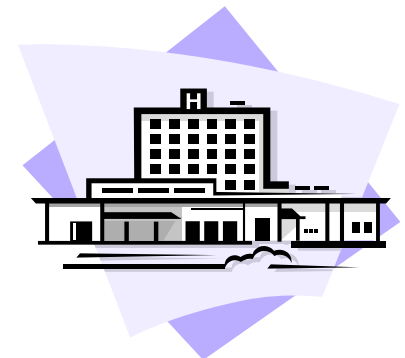
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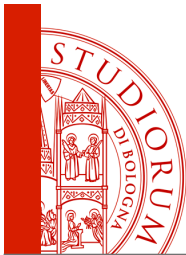
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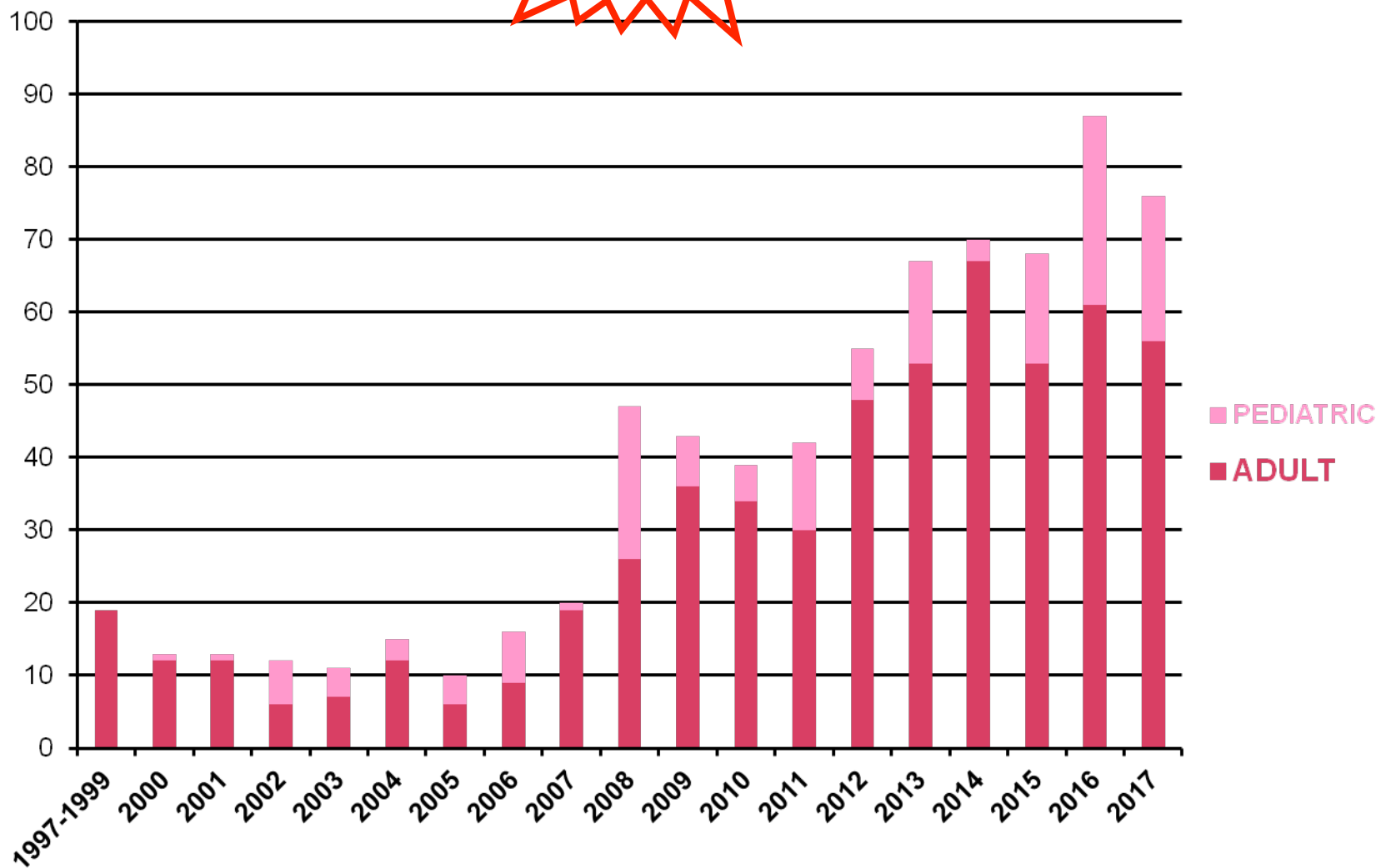
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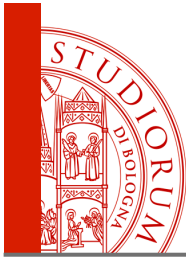
***EXPERIENCE IN  
OVARIAN TISSUE  
CRYOPRESERVATION  
SINCE 1997***



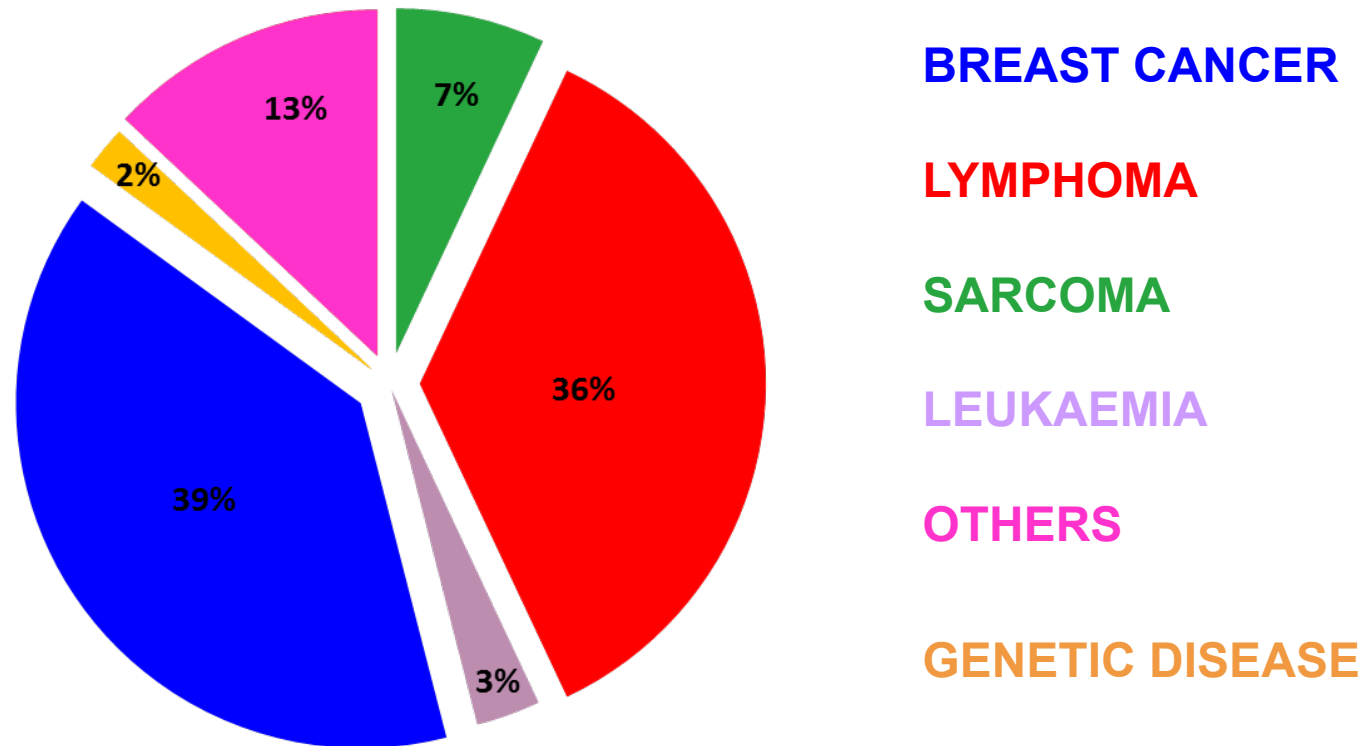


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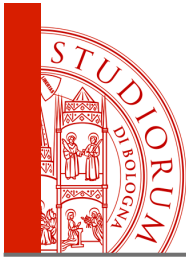




**546 ADULTS (28.44 ± 5.76 years)**



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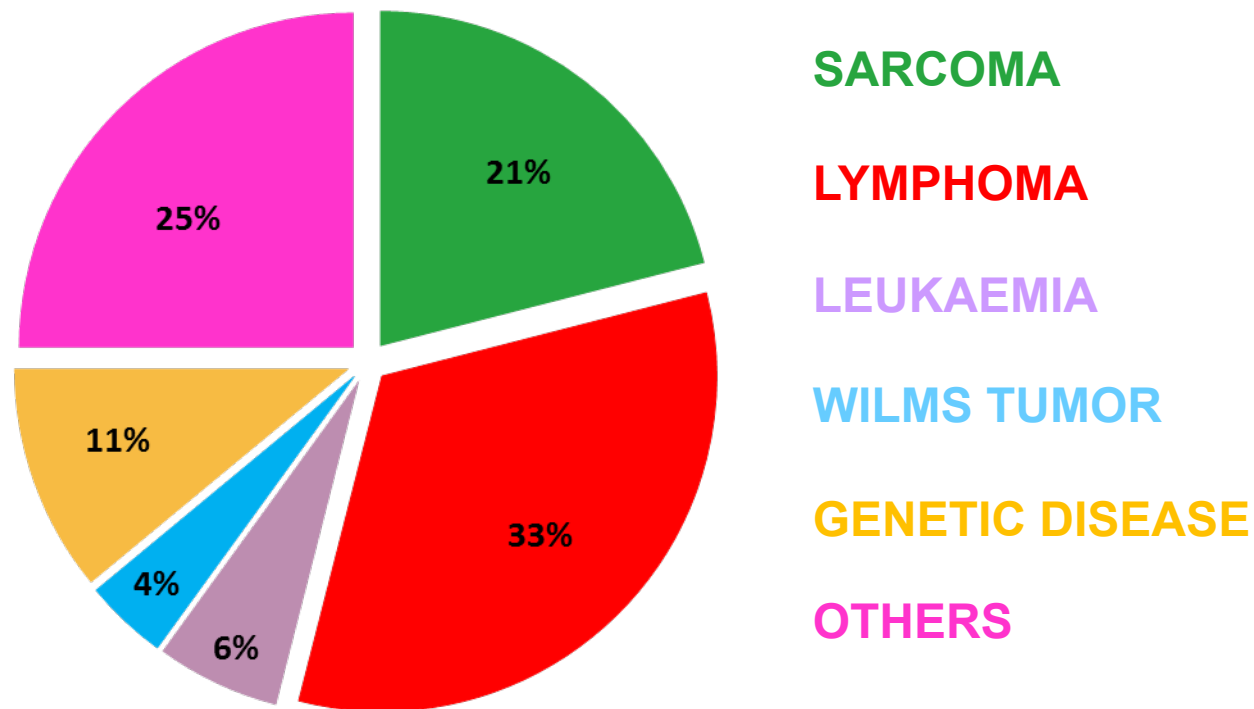


**153 PEDIATRICS (13.38 ± 3.96 years)**

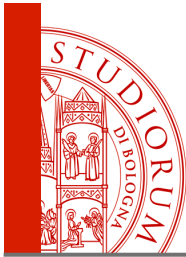
**Cryopreservation of ovarian tissue in pediatric patients**

Fabbi R, Vicenti R, Macciocca M, Pasquinelli G, Lima M, Parazza I, Magnani V, Venturoli S.

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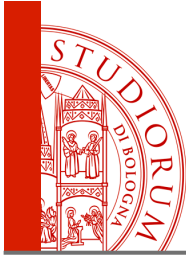


# OVARIAN TISSUE CRYOPRESERVATION TRANSPLANTATION

<b>PATHOLOGY</b>	<b>PATIENTS</b>	<b>GRAFT SITE</b>
COLORECTAL CANCER	1	ORTHOTOPIC
BREAST CANCER	5	ORTHOTOPIC
MULTIPLE MYELOMA	1	ORTHOTOPIC
MEDULLOBLATOMA	1	ORTHOTOPIC
EWING SARCOMA	1	ORTHOTOPIC
NON-HODGKIN LYMPHOMA	1	2 ORTHOTOPIC
HODGKIN LYMOHOMA	2	1 ORTHOTOPIC – 2 HETEROTOPIC
STRUMA OVARII	1	1 ORTHOTOPIC – 1 HETEROTOPIC
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>

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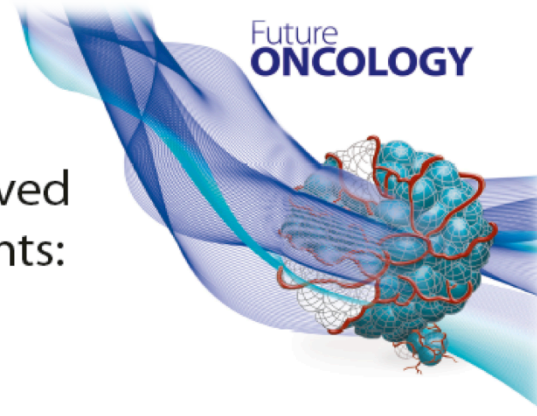


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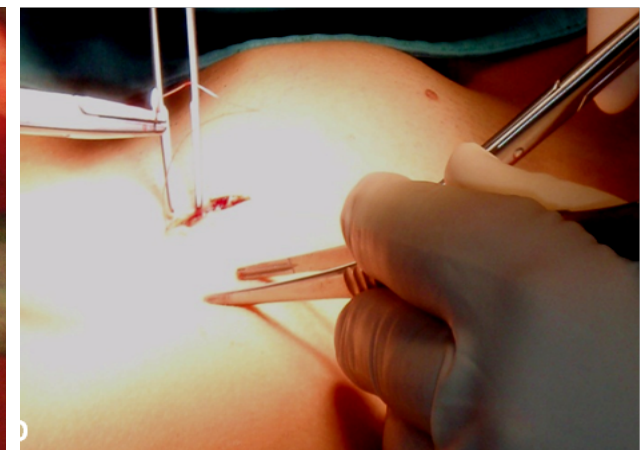
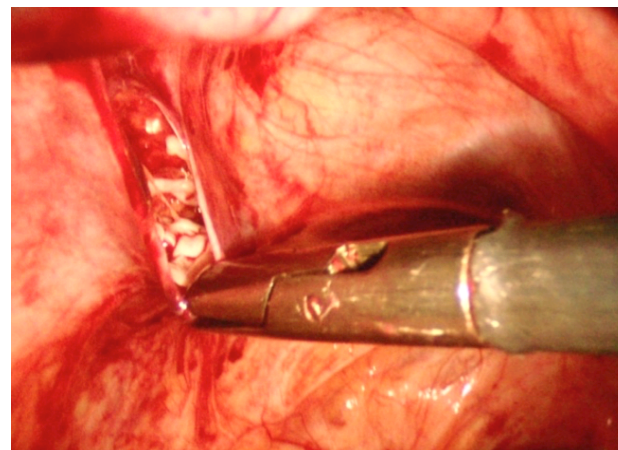
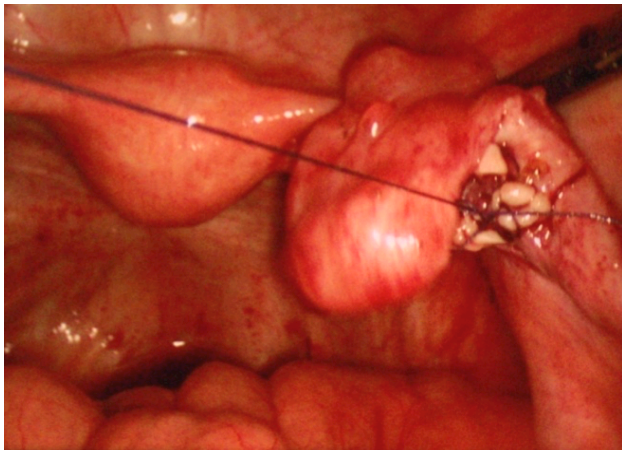
*Future Oncol.* (2014) 10(4), 549–561

## RESEARCH ARTICLE

Autotransplantation of cryopreserved  
ovarian tissue in oncological patients:  
recovery of ovarian function



Raffaella Fabbri<sup>\*1</sup>, Gianandrea Pasquinelli<sup>2</sup>, Valentina Magnani<sup>1</sup>, Maria Macciocca<sup>1</sup>,  
Rossella Vicenti<sup>1</sup>, Isabella Parazza<sup>1</sup>, Roberto Paradisi<sup>1</sup>, Cesare Battaglia<sup>1</sup>, Stefania Rossi<sup>1</sup>  
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## PATIENT 1 (A. P.): COLORECTAL CANCER

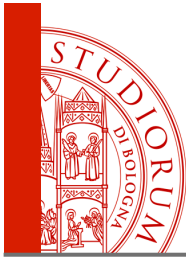
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- COLORECTAL CANCER (23 yrs)
- CHEMOTHERAPY (5 FU - 3 CYCLES)
- OVARIAN TISSUE CRYOPRESERVATION
- CHEMOTHERAPY (5FU – 9 CYCLES)
- PELVIC RADIOTHERAPY (4500 Gy) + BOOST (540 Gy)

**POF**

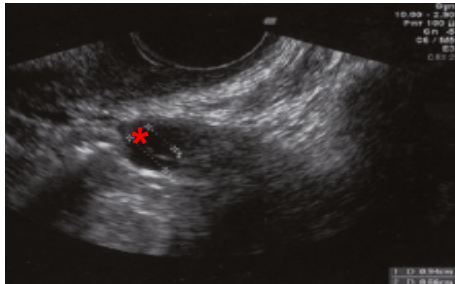
### ***PRE TRANSPLANTATION:***

- FOLLICULAR DENSITY **8 FOLLICLES / mm<sup>2</sup>**
- IMMUNOHISTOCHEMISTRY → **CAM 5.2** → **NO MALIGNANT CELLS**



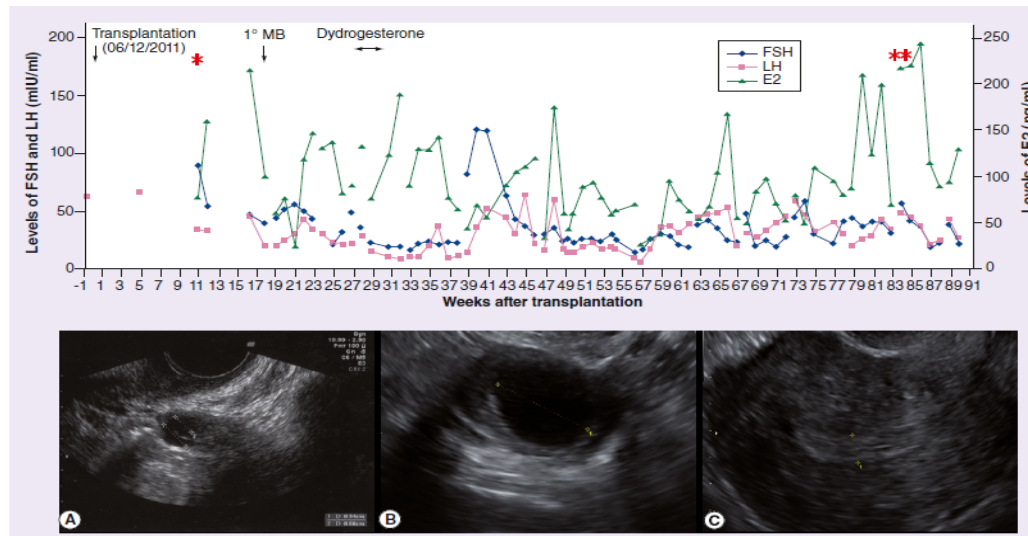
# RESULTS

- OVARIAN FUNCTION RECOVERY: 2.5 MONTHS POST TRANSPLANTATION**



TRANSPLANT		
HORMONE LEVELS	PRE	POST*
FSH mIU/mL	134.6	55.1
E2 pg/mL	<12	159

- 1° MENSTRUAL CYCLE: 4 MONTHS POST TRANSPLANTATION**



**OVARIAN  
FUNCTION  
LASTED  
23 MONTHS**



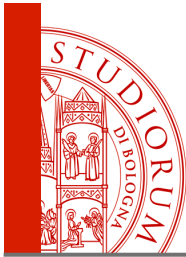
## PATIENT 2 (A. R.): BREAST CANCER

- BREAST CANCER (34 yrs)
- OVARIAN TISSUE CRYOPRESERVATION
- CHEMOTHERAPY (AC – 5 CYCLES)
- RADIOTHERAPY BOOST (60 Gy)
- TAMOXIFEN AND LEUPRORELIN (for 2 yrs)
- IRREGULAR MENSTRUAL CYCLES

**POF (40 yrs)**

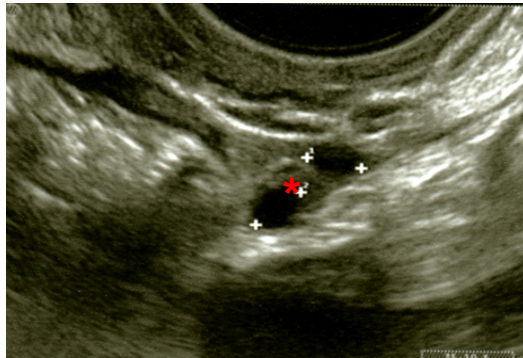
### **PRE TRANSPLANTATION:**

- FOLLICULAR DENSITY: **1 FOLLICLE / mm<sup>2</sup>**
- IMMUNOHISTOCHEMISTRY → **CAM 5.2; WT1 → NO MALIGNANT CELLS**



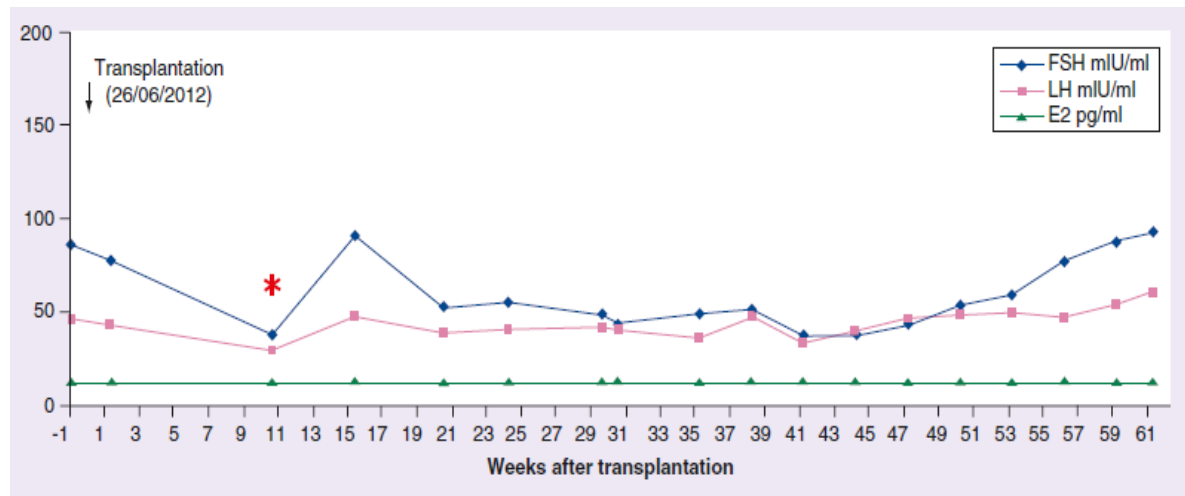
## RESULTS

- **OVARIAN FUNCTION RECOVERY: 2 MONTHS POST TRANSPLANTATION**



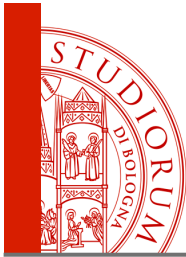
TRANSPLANT		
HORMONE LEVELS	PRE	POST*
FSH mIU/mL	86.1	37.1
E2 pg/mL	<12	<12

- **NO HOT FLUSHING**
- **NO MENSTRUAL CYCLES**



**OVARIAN  
FUNCTION  
LASTED  
7 MONTHS**





## PATIENT 3 (S. R.): HODGKIN LYMPHOMA

- HODGKIN LYMPHOMA (21 yrs)
- OVARIAN TISSUE CRYOPRESERVATION
- CHEMOTHERAPY (ABVD - 6 CYCLES; IGEV 2 CYCLES)
- HEMATOPOIETIC STEM CELL TRANSPLANTATION
- MEDIASTINAL RADIOTHERAPY (30Gy)
- IRREGULAR MENSTRUAL CYCLES AFTER THERAPIES

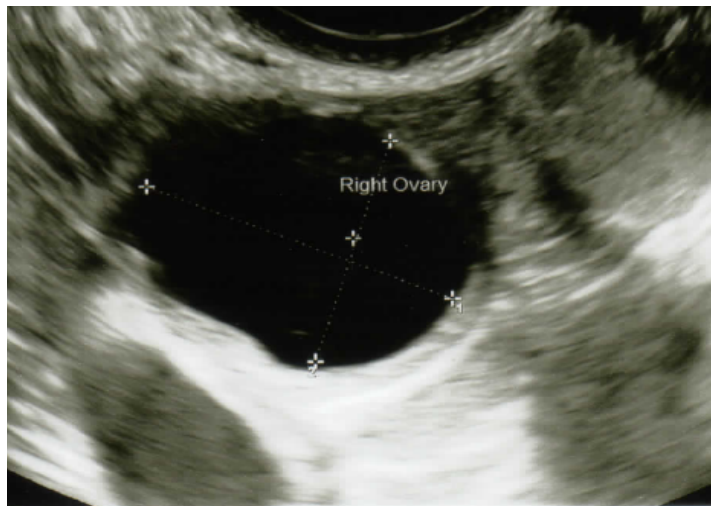
### POF

#### **PRE TRANSPLANTATION:**

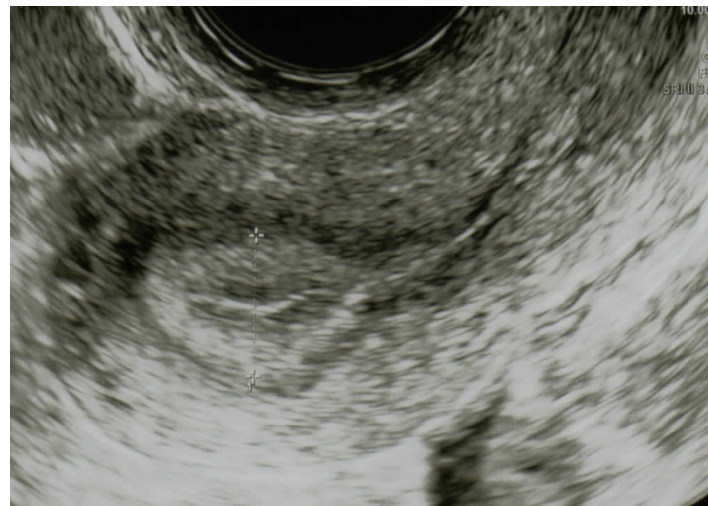
- FOLLICULAR DENSITY: **15 FOLLICLES / mm<sup>2</sup>**
- IMMUNOHISTOCHEMISTRY → **CD30** → **NO MALIGNANT CELLS**

## RESULTS

- **OVARIAN FUNCTION RECOVERY: 4,5 MONTHS POST TRANSPLANTATION**
- **1° MENSTRUAL CYCLE: 5 MONTHS POST TRANSPLANTATION**



**OVULATORY FOLLICLE**



**TRILAMINAR ENDOMETRIUM**

- **MENSTRUAL CYCLES EVERY 26-33 DAYS**

**MONITORING IS ONGOING**



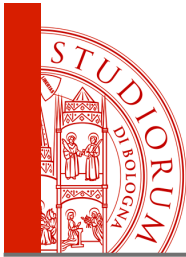
## PATIENT 4 (F. A.): HODGKIN LYMPHOMA

- HODGKIN LYMPHOMA (29 yrs)
- OVARIAN TISSUE CRYOPRESERVATION
- CHEMOTHERAPY (ABVD - 6 CYCLES)
- SUPRA- (92 Gy) and SUB-DIAPHRAGMATIC (67 Gy) RADIOTHERAPY
- IRREGULAR MENSTRUAL CYCLES
- 2 SPONTANEOUS PREGNANCIES

**POF (38 yrs): HOT FLUSHING AND SEVERE OSTEOPOROSIS**

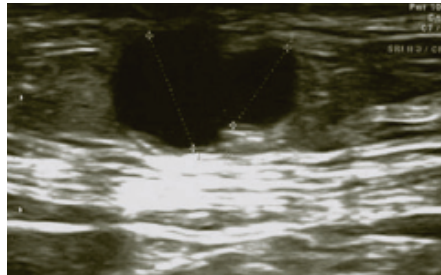
### **PRE TRANSPLANTATION:**

- FOLLICULAR DENSITY: **8 FOLLICLES / mm<sup>2</sup>**
- IMMUNOHISTOCHEMISTRY → CD30 → **NO MALIGNANT CELLS**



# RESULTS

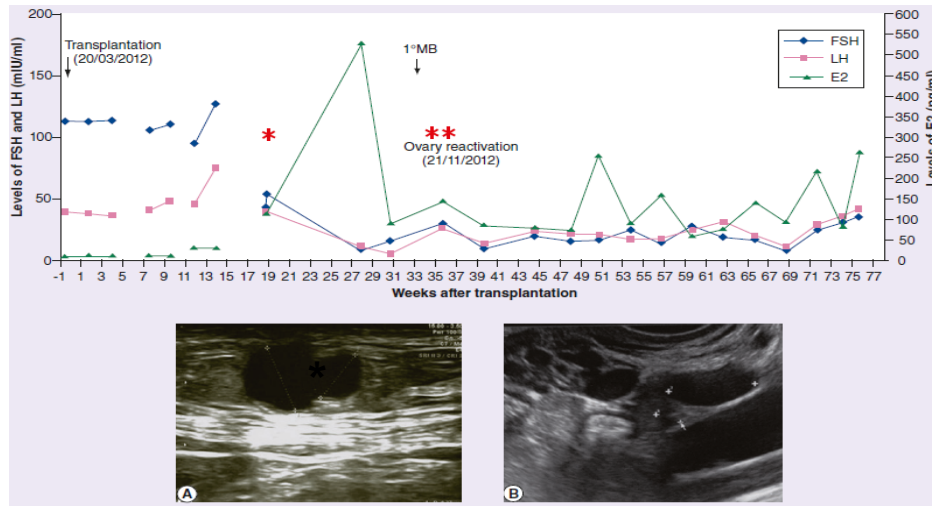
- **OVARIAN FUNCTION RECOVERY: 4 MONTHS POST TRANSPLANTATION**



TRANSPLANT		
HORMONE LEVELS	PRE	POST*
FSH mIU/mL	113.1	43.2
E2 pg/mL	<12	112.8

**NO HOT FLUSHING**

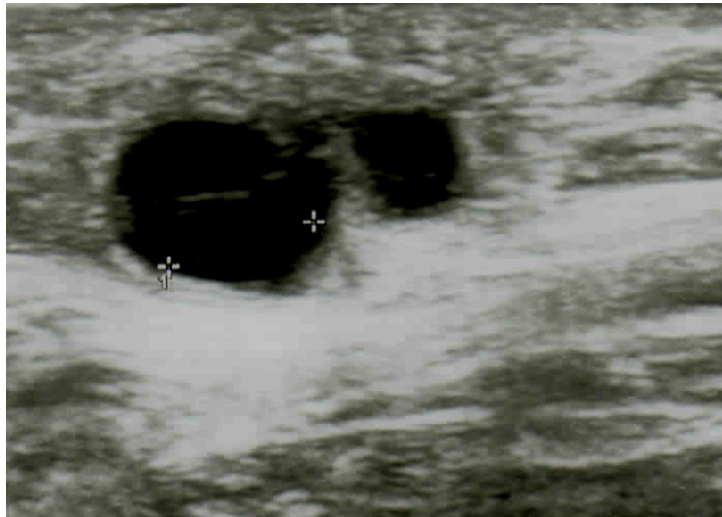
- **1° MENSTRUAL CYCLE: 7.5 MONTHS POST TRANSPLANTATION**
- **CYCLES EVERY 26 DAYS**



**OVARIAN FUNCTION  
LASTED  
36 MONTHS**

## RESULTS

- **OVARIAN FUNCTION RECOVERY: 4 MONTHS POST TRANSPLANTATION**

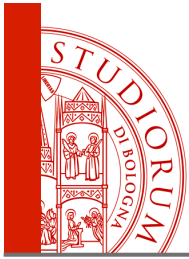


**ULTRASOUND CONFIRMED  
THE PRESENCE OF GROWING  
FOLLICLES IN THE GRAFT SITE**

- **1° MENSTRUAL CYCLE: 4.5 MONTHS POST TRANSPLANTATION**

**MONITORING IS ONGOING**





# CONCLUSIONS

**MORE THAN 130 LIVE BIRTHS - SUCCESS RATES 30-40% :**

**OVARIAN TISSUE CRYOPRESERVATION AND TRANSPLANTATION**

**SHOULD NO LONGER BE CONSIDERED EXPERIMENTAL**

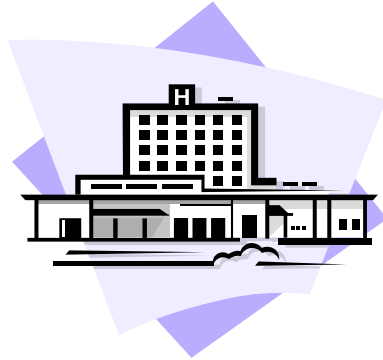
**THESE FINDINGS ARE ALSO NOTEWORTHY FOR THE**

**SAFETY OF LONG-TERM BANKING**

**IN ONCOFERTILITY PROGRAMS**



# CONCLUSIONS



## SPECIALISED CENTRE

PATIENT COUNSELLING  
SURGICAL PROCEDURES  
CRYOPRESERVATION PROTOCOL  
QUALITY CONTROL  
FOLLOW-UP



↑ NETWORK  
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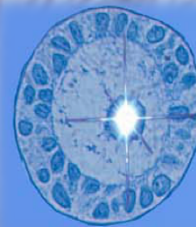
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