#### FALL 2020

## UPDATE



# President's Message



Steven J. Ory, MD, FACOG President, FSREI

To say that 2020 has been a bizarre year has now become a cliché. While many of our professional activities have undergone suspended hibernation and most

of our routines have been disrupted, the Florida Society of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (FSREI) has tried to push forward with some activities. We had assembled an excellent roster of speakers for the ill-fated 2020 Annual Meeting that was planned for this past August in Miami. As you know, our meeting, along with the ACOG District XII Annual District Meeting, was cancelled. Following the lead of the District XII Executive Committee. we decided against holding a virtual meeting. We remain hopeful that we will be able to physically meet in August 2021 and will try to retain as many of our 2020 speakers, as

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feasible.

We held our Annual Business
Meeting virtually, on November 5.
The nominating committee proposed
the same slate of officers that had
served (or would have served if
circumstances had permitted) in
2020 to serve again for the 2020-2021
term and the membership approved.
Additional issues discussed included
the financial status of FSREI,
which is solvent but challenged
by the cancellation of the Annual

Meeting. The revenue secured for our annual meeting, through exhibits and sponsorships, remains our primary source of income. In the interim, we are offering industry-supported symposia which will offer educational activities, an opportunity to virtually interact, in addition to providing a much-needed source of revenue. Our first webinar will be on Optimizing Your Protocols with MENOPUR sponsored by Ferring Pharmaceuticals on December 3 at 7:00 p.m. ET. Click here to register for the webinar.

Earlier in the year, FSREI worked along with District XII to rectify the universally unpopular pelvic exam consent bill with all its unintended consequences. We have been told that Senator Book, who introduced the original bill, is amenable to introducing a "glitch bill" to remove its most onerous provisions in the next session.

There has been growing interest and support among REIs and patients in the state to explore the feasibility to seek an insurance mandate through the legislature to cover infertility services and fertility preservation,

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services and fertility preservation, including IVF. The American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) and RESOLVE: The National Infertility Association have both endorsed this effort. On Friday, November 20 at 12:00 p.m. ET, ASRM, RESOLVE and FSREI will be sponsoring the webinar Mandated **Insurance Coverage for IVF for Florida** with speakers from all three organizations to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of such an initiative, the perspective of different stakeholders, and a possible path forward. I very much hope that

you can join us for what should be an enlightening presentation. You can register for this webinar online at: <a href="https://resolve.org/FLAwebinar">https://resolve.org/FLAwebinar</a>.

We are also exploring other novel ways in which the society can stay engaged with members and effectively represent the needs of our patients and professional community. You will hear more about this later, but I would also urge you to utilize the FSREI Google Group, created earlier this year to serve as a forum to share relevant information among our membership. If you have not

yet joined the FSREI Google Group, please contact Colleen Filbert at **cfilbert@fsrei.org**.

I am very appreciative of the opportunity and honor to continue to serve as your president and will continue to strive to represent your interests. I am grateful for the very capable assistance provided by Colleen Filbert and Allison Fellers at Compass Management and Consulting, who have performed extraordinarily in these trying times. I very much hope that you and those around you stay safe and healthy.

# RENEWAL

PAY YOUR FSREI MEMBERSHIP DUES ONLINE AT: WWW.FSREI.ORG/DUES

# **DONATION DRIVE**

#### **FSREI Member Donation Drive**

The year 2020 has certainly been unprecedented. The Florida Society of Reproductive Endocrinology and



Member Donation Drive

**DONATE TODAY** 



Florida Society of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Infertility (FSREI) realizes that COVID-19 has impacted us all in one way or another. COVID-19 has taken its toll on our families, our friends, our practices, the field of reproductive medicine and our society FSREI.

Due to COVID-19, we had to cancel the in-person 2020 annual meeting, which has had an impact on member and industry-based revenue and has resulted in a significant financial loss for the society. For the continued success of our society, we are asking members to renew their membership as soon as possible and to encourage your colleagues that are not members of FSREI to join. In addition, we are asking members who have been so instrumental toward our success throughout the years, to consider making an additional donation to the society. Donations can be made online at: <a href="https://www.fsrei.org/member donation">www.fsrei.org/member donation</a> or you can complete and return the form below. Donations in any amount are greatly appreciated.

We thank you in advance for support, we look forward to providing education, fellowship, and collaboration so that we can all continue to deliver excellent care to women in the Southeastern United States. We are eagerly awaiting the start of 2021, brighter days ahead and looking forward to seeing you all again, in-person, very soon.

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#### Are You Staying Connected with FSREI?









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#### About us

The mission of the Florida Society of Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (FSREI) is to provide excellent reproductive endocrine and infertility care to women in the Southeastern United States through education, fellowship and collaboration.

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**



# Be sure to mark your calendars for these events!

Friday, November 20, 2020 | 12:00 PM ET Webinar:
Mandated Insurance Coverage for IVF for
Florida

Virtual Event

Virtual Event

Thursday, December 3, 2020 | 7:00 PM ET
Webinar: Optimizing Your Protocols with
MENOPUR

March 3-6, 2021

2021 CREOG & APGO Annual Meeting

JW Marriott San Antonio Hill Country

San Antonio, TX

March 21-24, 2021 **47th Annual Scientific Meeting of the SGS** Westin Mission Hills Palm Springs, CA April 11-16, 2021
88th Annual Conference of ACOOG
Regency Coconut Point
Bonita Springs, FL

April 30-May 3, 2021

ACOG 2021 Annual Clinical and Scientific

Meeting Washington, DC

August 13-14, 2021

FSREI 2021 Annual Meeting
The Ritz-Carlton Orlando, Grande Lakes
Orlando, FL

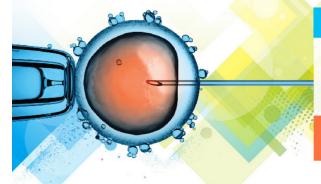
October 16-20, 2021

ASRM 2021

Baltimore, MD

# SAVE THE DATE

FLORIDA SOCIETY OF REPRODUCTIVE ENDOCRINOLOGY AND INFERTILITY



AUGUST 13-14, 2021 | ORLANDO, FL

**FSREI 2021** 

ANNUAL MEETING

THE RITZ-CARLTON ORLANDO, GRANDE LAKES

www.fsrei.org/2021-meeting

# **MEMBER BENEFITS**

### **Member Benefits**

- Discounted rates on annual meeting registration fees
- Access to bi-annual **e-newsletter**
- Access to the online **membership directory**
- Inclusion in the <u>Find an FSREI Member</u> section for patients
- Access to annual meeting highlights
- <u>Webinars</u> on educational and practice-related topics specific to the REI
- Access to the FSREI members-only Google Group
- Notifications through mailings, and eblasts about the annual meeting, society-related news, and more.

#### **New Members**

The FSREI Board of Directors would like to welcome the following new members to the society:

#### **Active Status:**

Thomas A Masterson, MD

#### **Affiliate Status**:

Jenny L. Alfonso, PharmD Catherine Marie Brugnolotti, DNP Jaunice Scopelliti Cottone, PA-C