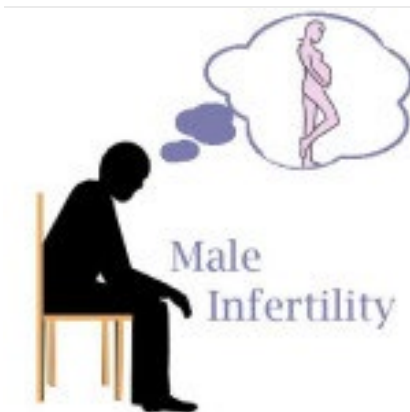


MALE FERTILITY



The changes you may have depend on the kind of chemotherapy you'll be getting and the type of cancer you have. Your age and other health issues are also important.

Always use a condom when you have sex, because some chemotherapy may be in your semen.

Sexual and Fertility Changes in Men.

Questions from men about sexual problems:

What sexual problems might I have?

It may be difficult to get or keep an erection. This is called "impotence."

You may not be able to have an orgasm.

You may feel too tired or stressed to have sex.

Talk with your doctor to learn how to manage these changes. Ask how they can be treated and how long these problems may last.

Chemotherapy can damage sperm and cause birth defects. To make sure your partner does not get pregnant, use a condom.

Questions from men about changes in fertility.

Will I be able to have children?

If you would like to have children after treatment, talk with your doctor **before you start treatment.** Your doctor or nurse can talk with you about your choices and refer you to a fertility specialist.

Questions to ask your doctor or nurse:

What can help with sexual problems?

What method of birth control would you suggest that my partner use?

What can I do now if I would like to have children in the future?

Can you give me the name of a fertility specialist who I can talk with to learn more?

After treatment is over, how long do I need to keep using a condom? How long does my partner need to stay on birth control?

Sure, that can be a problem, but how might you overcome it?



How can I get help to cope?

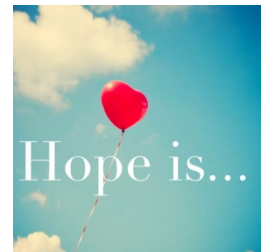
Talk about your feelings and concerns with your partner. Find new ways to show love and be close. It may also help to talk with a doctor, nurse, social worker, counsellor, or in a support group.

Is it okay to have sex?

Ask your doctor if it is okay for you to have sex during treatment. Most men can have sex, but you will want to talk with your doctor first.

Do I need to use a condom? Yes, you need to use a condom each time you have sex. Use a condom even if your partner is on birth control or cannot have children. This is because some chemotherapy may be in your semen.

Your partner may also need to use birth control.



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