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Fertility Associates of Memphis Featured at National Meeting

Physicians at Fertility Associates of Memphis will present their research at the Annual Meeting of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine to be held in Orlando, FL from October 15 thru 19, 2011. This is the world's largest scientific conference in reproductive medicine with over 2000 attendees from around the world. "The scientific committee accepted two abstracts of original research from our program which illustrates our commitment to state-of-the-art medicine and research at Fertility Associates Memphis" says Dr Raymond Ke, Chief of Assisted Reproduction.

In an abstract titled "Effect of the Time Interval Between Ovulation Trigger and Oocyte Retrieval in Women Undergoing in vitro Fertilization (IVF)", fourth year Resident Kristin Hertler and Dr Ke studied the effect of various time intervals of ovulation triggers on IVF outcome. The result indicate that prolonging the trigger interval may improve oocyte maturity which in turn may help women with poor ovarian reserve. This paper has been selected for oral presentation at the meeting – an honor reserved for a few selected abstracts.

The second research project to be presented highlights a collaboration between Western and Eastern medicine. Preliminary evidence indicates a positive effect of acupuncture treatment on IVF success. For the past two years, Dr Mark Xu, a board-certified Eastern Medicine specialist has been counseling IVF patients at Fertility Associates of Medicine about this project investigating the influence of a specific acupuncture protocol on IVF success. Our preliminary findings confirm a positive role, especially in older women. We plan to offer acupuncture to our patients who participate in assisted reproduction.

Fertility Associates of Memphis and Memphis Fertility Laboratory continues to explore new technologies to achieve our goal of helping couples deliver healthy children. Thank you for your support and please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions. Visit our web site at www.fertilitymemphis.com