

Fertility Awareness and Intentions Concerning Childbearing: A Study of Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Residents

Please complete the following questions. All responses are **completely anonymous**. This survey is for research purposes only. Completed surveys will be viewed **ONLY** by a research assistant out side of the residency training program. The data will be used to assess fertility awareness and intentions concerning childbearing in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics residents. This survey is not a test of knowledge; it is a survey of your beliefs and opinions. Your participation in this survey is voluntary.

Please circle your answers where appropriate.

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| 1. Your age (in years) | <27 | 27-28 | 29-30 | 31-32 | >32 |
| 2. Gender | Male | | Female | | |
| 3. Current marital status | Single | | Living with Partner | | |
| | Married | | Separated/ Divorced | | |

If with partner/spouse, your partner/spouse's age: _____

Partner/spouse's gender?	Male	Female
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Is partner/spouse also a physician	Yes	No

4. Do you have children? Yes No

If yes, how many children do you have? _____

What are your children's ages? _____

Are any of your children adopted? No Yes If yes, how many?_____

5. Subfertility may be defined as having intercourse for 12 months, while NOT using contraception, and NOT becoming pregnant. To your knowledge, have you or your partner/spouse experienced subfertility?

Yes No

6. Are you (or your partner/spouse) currently pregnant? Yes No Don't know

7. Do you plan to have children (or more children if you already have children)?

Yes No Don't know

8. How many children (total children) do you want? _____

9. At what age (years), do you desire your first child (or did you have your first child if you already have children)? ____

10. At what age (years), do you desire your last child (or did you have your last child if this is the last child you wish to have)? ____

11. Do you (or female partner/spouse) plan on becoming pregnant during residency? Yes No
Don't know

12. On average, at what age is there a slight decrease in women's ability to become pregnant? _____

13. On average, at what age is there a marked decrease in women's ability to become pregnant? _____

14. On average, at what age does the age-related decline in male fertility begin? _____

15. What do you consider the ideal physiologic age to begin a pregnancy? _____

16. Please rank your level of agreement with the following:

I would/did defer a pregnancy in myself or my spouse/partner during **internship** (PGY-1):

	Completely Disagree	1	2	Neutral	3	4	Completely Agree	5
because I might have to extend my residency training.	1		2	3		4		5
because I might not get a fellowship position.	1		2	3		4		5
because there might be increased pregnancy complications.	1		2	3		4		5
because it interferes with my career plans.	1		2	3		4		5
Other reason _____								

I would defer a pregnancy in myself or my spouse/partner during **residency** (for 3 years):

because I might have to extend my residency training.	1	2	3	4	5
because I might not get a fellowship position.	1	2	3	4	5
because there might be increased pregnancy complications.	1	2	3	4	5
because it interferes with my career plans.	1	2	3	4	5
Other reason _____					

17. What is your field of residency: Internal Medicine Pediatrics Med-Peds
18. What is your PGY (postgraduate year)? PGY-1 2 3 4

19. Are you aware of your certifying board (American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) for internal medicine or American Board of Pediatrics (ABP)) policies for parental leave? Yes No

20. Are you aware of your training programs' policies for parental leave? Yes No

21. How important were the following factors in choosing your field of residency? Please mark with "X".

	No Influence	Minor Influence	Moderate Influence	Strong Influence
Lifestyle				
Mentor/role model influence				
Salary Expectations				
Length of Residency Training				
Family Expectations				

Thank you for taking time to complete this survey. We appreciate your participation.