PROGRAM for the
36TH ANNUAL
MEETING OF THE
AMERICAN ACADEMY OF
FERTILITYCARE PROFESSIONALS

JULY 19-22
2017

EXPANDING THE BORDERS OF
HEALTH & FERTILITY THROUGH
THE CREIGHTON MODEL
FERTILITYCARE SYSTEM
& NAPROTECHNOLOGY

Courtyard and TownePlace Suites
by Marriott - Grapevine, Texas
As a member of the American Academy of Fertility Care Professionals, I accept the Code of Ethics of the Academy as the basis for the practice of this profession. I recognize personal responsibility for promoting and maintaining the highest ethical and moral standards. Having read and considered the Code of Ethics of the Academy, I pledge adherence to the principles and the standards for professional conduct of the Fertility Care professional as defined in the American Academy of Fertility Care Professionals’ Code of Ethics.

I HEREBY PLEDGE TO THE FOLLOWING:

- To respect the dignity and welfare of each individual with whom I associate in the practice of the profession,
- To display a respect for the value and dignity of human life from fertilization (conception) through natural death,
- To comply with Academy policies governing the practice of natural family planning, the Creighton Model System and NaProTECHNOLOGY,
- To accept responsibility for the exercise of professional judgment,
- To maintain my professional practice and adherence to the ethical principles of the Academy in preference over conflicting employment or business practices,
- To seek no more than reasonable, deserved, and fiscally sound remuneration for services,
- To provide accurate information to the consumer about the profession and services offered,
- To conduct myself in all affairs so as to avoid discredit to the Academy and the profession, and
- To give loyalty and support to the Academy in its efforts to achieve its purpose.
ACADEMY PURPOSE

The purpose of the Academy is to foster, advance, and promote the Creighton Model FertilityCare System, NaProTECHNOLOGY, and allied fields through service, education, leadership, and research.

THE ACTIVITIES ARE:

- To enhance and maintain the quality of the Creighton Model FertilityCare System by establishing the highest standards of provider education and certification, service delivery and education program accreditation, continuing education, and research and development related to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System,

- To develop and promote the recognition and acceptance of the Creighton Model FertilityCare System and the new science of NaProTECHNOLOGY,

- To provide information on the philosophy, science, and art of the Creighton Model FertilityCare System,

- To encourage the participation of all qualified Creighton Model FertilityCare professionals in the work of the Academy,

- To cooperate with providers of natural means for the regulation of fertility in establishing a unified effort for the advancement of the philosophy which supports these approaches,

- To do any and all lawful acts necessary or desirable to achieve and carry out these activities.

The AAFCP was founded in 1981 as the American Academy of Natural Family Planning, incorporated as a non-profit organization in the State of Missouri on April 12, 1982, changed its name and modified its purpose on July 26, 2001.

Presently the Academy has over 600 individuals who comprise the 6 classes of membership, which include Active, Student, Associate, Special, Honorary, and Organizational.

MEETING PURPOSE

The purpose of this education program is to enhance the knowledge of FertilityCare Practitioners, nurses, physicians, other health care professionals, and clergy by addressing topics relevant to the CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare, NaProTECHNOLOGY, natural methods of fertility regulation and allied fields. The program updates participants on current activities, research, and trends and focuses on future goals of FertilityCare professionals.

This meeting is targeted towards FertilityCare professionals and other health care providers. However, it is also for anyone interested in a moral approach on issues related to reproductive medicine. It is for physicians, nurses, hospital administrators, medical and nursing students, bioethicists, clergy, religious, Natural Family Planning teachers of all methods, high school teachers, concerned citizens, and activists.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

This live activity, the 36th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals: Expanding the Borders of Health & Fertility through the Creighton Model FertilityCare System & NaProTECHNOLOGY, with a beginning date of 07/19/2017, has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 17.25 prescribed credit(s) by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

This activity has been submitted to ANA Massachusetts for approval to award contact hours. ANA Massachusetts is accredited as an approver of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

Please contact aafcpadmass@gmail.com for more information regarding contact hours.
July 19, 2017

Welcome to the 36th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals and to this wonderful city of Grapevine, TX and surrounding DFW metroplex!

I am privileged and honored to be hosting such an important event! It is a great joy to welcome all of you to our city for this amazing opportunity to gather together once again to share in knowledge and learn from each other as we build, renew and strengthen the professional and personal relationships that allow us to continue our work as FertilityCare Professionals.

This year we are honored to have Bishop Michael Olson as our keynote speaker and celebrant of our closing Mass. Bishop Olson has been and continues to be a wonderful supporter of the Creighton Model System and NaProTECHNOLOGY.

There are many wonderful attractions in the DFW area, so be sure to get out and visit some of them to experience big Texas style hospitality while here. You can catch a train from DFW airport's Terminal A to downtown Dallas and visit the Dallas Museum of Art, the Nasher Sculpture Center, the Winspear Opera House, the Dallas Aquarium or the Perot Museum of Science, all of which are within walking distance from a train stop.

Day passes can be purchased for the Grapevine Visitors Shuttle that comes right to our hotel to pick up and take passengers on a tour of Historic Downtown Grapevine for some delicious dining, shopping, sightseeing or a local wine tour.

On Friday night we will get together for some finger-licking BBQ and two steppin’ at the Historic Stockyards in Fort Worth, so please join us for an evening that promises to be great fun.

The name of this year’s annual meeting is “Expanding the Borders of Health and Fertility Through the Creighton Model FertilityCare System and NaProTECHNOLOGY”. This title is quite fitting, especially as we navigate this new and exciting, sometimes scary, era of technological advancement. As our world seems to be getting much smaller, we find ourselves being forced to reach beyond our physical boundaries and comfort zones - to grow in our knowledge and share this wonderful information about health, fertility and the beauty of human love. This is a tremendous call. Let us not be afraid!

On behalf of all North Texas FertilityCare professionals, thank you for being here. We hope you enjoy your stay and visit us again soon!

Sincerely,

Ginny Robinson, MM, CFCP
Site Host
May 13, 2017

Dear Dr. Peter Danis,

It is my pleasure to extend my welcome to the practitioners, medical consultants, educators and clergy members attending the 36th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals.

As you may recall, we were in the same NFPMC program over 20 years ago when I was then a young family physician. The training I received then was eye-opening and insightful. Soon after that, I entered the seminary with the Legionaries of Christ. The training in fertility care has remained very useful for me in my priestly ministry. Presently, as professor and Dean of the School of Bioethics here in Rome, I continue to apply this knowledge in my classes of procreation, bioethics, case studies for my students here in Rome. These students come from different parts of the world and from all walks of life. Many of them are also unaware of such an ethical alternative of treating infertility in NaProTechnology and are very appreciative of this gift to the Church.

As the 50th anniversary of Humanae vitae approaches, it is ever more pressing for the Church to recognize and accept its authentic teaching on the beauty of life, sexuality and procreation. I congratulate all of you on the steps you have taken to spread this message in the midst of an ever more secular and hostile culture.

Recently, I am honored to have been named chaplain of the AAFCP. I will continue to commend this work of the Academy in my prayers and encourage you “keep up the good fight” and persevere in this valuable ministry.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Joseph Tham, LC
Chaplain, AAFCP
Dean, School of Bioethics
Ateneo Pontificio Regina Apostolorum
Via degli Aldobrandeschi 190 - 00163 - Rome - Italy
April 20, 2017

Dr. Peter Danis

Dear Dr. Danis:

I was pleased to learn American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals is celebrating its thirty-sixth annual meeting.

This is an accomplishment of which you can be very proud. Your efforts continue to serve as an example for the State of Texas, and I encourage you to continue pursuing excellence in the years to come.

Sincerely,

JOHN CORNYN
United States Senator
Greetings:

As Governor of Texas, it is my pleasure to welcome everyone in attendance to the 36th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals in Grapevine.

Texans across our state rely daily on health care providers to deliver safe, quality service. Your organization helps to ensure that some of the most important needs of the people of Texas are met in the most effective way possible by offering training and educational opportunities to fertility care practitioners, nurses, physicians, and other health care professionals throughout the Lone Star State.

The academy’s dedication and commitment to provide a healthy tomorrow for all is vitally important to our future, and I commend you and your leadership for your determination to see increased health care quality.

To those of you from outside Texas: Welcome to the Lone Star State. The Dallas-Fort Worth area is renowned for its many attractions, from fine dining to historic buildings and an array of cultural attractions. This vibrant area has something for everyone. I encourage you all to explore and enjoy.

First Lady Cecilia Abbott joins me in wishing you an enjoyable and productive meeting.

Sincerely,

Greg Abbott
Governor
July 19, 2017

Dear Dr. Danis:

On behalf of the City Council and the citizens of Grapevine, I am pleased to officially welcome you and the participants to our city, and express our support for the 36th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Fertility Care Professionals at the Courtyard & TownePlace Suites by Marriott, July 19-22.

Grapevine is honored to serve as your convention destination. We trust that your stay with us will be enjoyable and memorable.

In Grapevine, visitors and locals alike find a sophisticated charm and convenient escape from the big city. During your free time, you are sure to enjoy Historic Downtown Grapevine with over 80 unique boutiques, galleries, the Urban Wine Trail and restaurants. When you add the Grapevine Vintage Railroad, Grapevine Mills, the LEGOLAND® Discovery Center DFW, the SEA LIFE Grapevine Aquarium, Bass Pro Shops Outdoor World, 81 holes of golf and 8,000 acres of beautiful Lake Grapevine scenery, you have the ideal location! Most of all, our friendly community allows you to feel at home.

We invite you to return to Grapevine throughout the year to take advantage of our many exciting and award-winning events including Main Street Fest, GrapeFest® and the Christmas Capital of Texas®. Please be sure to visit www.GrapevineTexasUSA.com for detailed information.

Enjoy your annual meeting. May it be productive and successful.

Sincerely,

William D. Tate
Mayor of Grapevine

WDT: mrb
It is my distinct pleasure to welcome the 36th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Fertility Care Professionals to the DFW Metroplex on July 19-22, 2017. We hope that all of you will savor your stay and stop by to visit Fort Worth and enjoy the unique mix of cultural activities found only “Where the West Begins.”

As Mayor of Fort Worth, it is with great pride that I would like to tell you about our city, a city of cowboys, culture and community. In one visit you can enjoy an enormous range of experiences – from art to animals, from fashion to family fun. We offer lessons in western history with a tour of the Historic Stockyards, auto racing at the Texas Motor Speedway or a relaxing night of shopping and dining in downtown’s historic Sundance Square. The choice is yours!

While you are in Fort Worth, we hope you get a chance to visit:

• Our downtown area … a nationally noted model of successful urban renaissance filled with restaurants, museums, art galleries, theaters and an abundance of retail shopping. The Sundance Square area of downtown is a “must-see” for everyone visiting the city.

• The Cultural District … recognized as the “museum capital of the Southwest,” is home to world-class museums. We are proud to be home to the Texas Cowgirl Hall of Fame, and we have an outstanding Equestrian Center, one of the country’s top-ranked zoos, and a multitude of beautiful parks and gardens.

• Northside’s historic Stockyards area … a delightful journey into the city’s western heritage. You are sure to enjoy the area’s many shops and restaurants while finding a real-life cowboy or two outfitted with horses and even the cattle drive of the Fort Worth Herd of longhorns!

One of our most valuable assets is our people. Visitors often cite the “Fort Worth Friendly” spirit of our citizens and businesses as the top reason they plan a return visit. We hope you enjoy your time in Cowtown and make plenty of friends that last a lifetime.

Sincerely,

Betsy Price
Mayor
WELCOME LETTERS

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20008-3610

17 February 2017

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Dear Dr. Danis,

I was happy to learn of the 36th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals being held July 19-22, 2017 in Grapevine, Texas.

Allow me to convey to you and to all of the participants at this year’s Meeting the assurance of the Holy Father’s spiritual closeness and blessing.

In the encyclical letter Laudato Si’, On Care for Our Common Home, Pope Francis reminded us:

“The acceptance of our bodies as God’s gift is vital for welcoming and accepting the entire world as a gift from the Father and our common home…. Learning to accept our body, to care for it and to respect its fullest meaning, is an essential element of any genuine human ecology” (No. 155).

In light of the Holy Father’s words, I wish to commend you and the entire Academy for the good work that you do to promote and advance a “genuine human ecology” through your care for the gift of human fertility.

With the help of God’s grace, may this year’s Meeting achieve its goal of “Expanding the Borders of Health and Fertility”.

With prayerful and heartfelt good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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Archbishop Christophe Pierre
Apostolic Nuncio

American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals
36th Annual Meeting
July 19-22, 2017
Grapevine, Texas
Dear Dr. Danis,

I would like to extend my warmest welcome and God’s blessings to the participants of the upcoming 36th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Fertility Care Professionals. Your work here in the United States and throughout the world offers much hope to women and couples searching for authentic reproductive healthcare.

We are proud of the many FertilityCare practitioners, educators and NaPro physicians in the great state of Texas. I commend you and your colleagues for your commitment to teaching others about God’s gift of fertility, the sacramentality of marriage and the dignity of human life. It is my hope that this year’s Meeting will help to advance a healthy approach to reproductive healthcare, based on a proper understanding of Christian Anthropology.

Be assured of my prayers for a successful event, filled with learning, networking opportunities and advancement of the beauty of a reproductive science that is based on God’s own design.

With every good wish in the Lord, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Daniel Cardinal DiNardo
Archbishop of Galveston-Houston
February 13, 2017

Dr. Peter Danis
President
American Academy of FertilityCare™ Professionals
For the Occasion of the 36th Annual Meeting, July 19-22, 2017

Dear Dr. Danis,

On behalf of the bishops’ Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth, I am pleased to send our gratitude to you on the occasion of your annual meeting. The Committee supports your efforts and is humbled by your devotion to educate men and women about God’s plan for married love.

Your mission in promoting a Culture of Life by teaching married couples how to use the Creighton Model of FertilityCare™ is urgently needed. Through your teaching, you are able to help men and women understand God’s gift of human fertility, the value of children, and encourage growth in marital unity. In addition, you provide an honest and healthy alternative to the false promises of contraception—an alternative that our world sorely needs.

Please convey my special gratitude to all the academy members who are physicians and nurses. In a profession that has so sadly accepted contraception and voluntary sterilization as “good medicine,” you boldly say “no” and offer ethical choices for couples. Thank you for providing the Creighton Model as well as NaproTECHNOLOGY to your patients!

May the Lord God continue to bless and protect you and all the members of the American Academy of FertilityCare™ Professionals.

With my prayers and gratitude, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap.
Archbishop of Philadelphia
Chairman
Committee on Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth
July 19, 2017

Dr. Peter Danis  
President, American Academy of  
FertilityCare Professionals

Dear Dr. Danis,

EWTN Global Catholic Network extends its warmest greetings to all who gather for the 36th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals.

The promotion of authentic healthcare for women and children is sorely needed in our present culture. The many faceted approaches and topics of this year’s Conference underscores the dynamism and growth of FertilityCare, whose success is undeniable. This year’s topic “Expanding the Borders of Health & Fertility through the Creighton Model FertilityCare professionals and NaProTECHNOLOGY” will surely provide important updates and developments in the field for all participants.

This Annual Meeting is the vanguard and hub of this developing technology and treatment. I hope that that this growing International Conference will be of significant practical assistance to all attendees, and deepen our understanding and treatment of many different facets of women’s healthcare.

With prayerful best wishes for you and your families, I am,

Sincerely in Christ,

[Signature]

Michael P. Warsaw  
Chairman of the Board  
& Chief Executive Officer
February 14, 2017

Dr. Peter Danis
President
American Academy of FertilityCare™ Professionals
For the Occasion of the 36th Annual Conference, July 19-22, 2017

Dear Dr. Danis and the Members of the American Academy of FertilityCare™ Professionals,

On the occasion of your 36th annual conference, I send my deepest appreciation for you and your good work as members of the American Academy of FertilityCare™ Professionals!

The importance of your work cannot be overemphasized. Our current culture is awash in lies about the human person, human sexuality, and the nature of marriage. Precious few people understand God’s original plan for men, women, and married love. Since you have accepted the Lord’s call to take up this mission, you are among those who are building the Kingdom of God on earth!

My prayer for you is that the Lord God will strengthen you, bless your efforts, and help you persevere in doing his will. May God also bless you and your families!

Sincerely in Christ,

Theresa Notare, PhD
Assistant Director
Natural Family Planning Program
Secretariat of Laity, Marriage, Family Life and Youth,
United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
+ April 4, 2017.

American Academy of Fertility Care Professionals

Dear Dr. Peter Danis and members of the AAFCP:

The Sisters of Life promise our heartfelt, ongoing prayers for each of the participants, presenters, and organizers at the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Fertility Care Professionals. We look forward to meeting more and more of you in the years to come!

We are inspired by the commitment to excellence and the compassion of your practitioners, medical care providers, and other professionals. You perform an invaluable service in creating the conditions for the true flourishing of the human person. Thank you for promoting the “feminine genius” of women and the self-mastery of men and women through fertility care in harmony with Our Creator’s plan for human life and authentic love.

The Sisters and I are asking the Holy Spirit to guide you in discovering increasingly appealing ways to share the “good news” of fertility awareness for the building of a culture of life and a “civilization of love.”

With prayers for a fruitful and effective meeting,

In Christ, our Life,

Mother Agnes Mary, SV
Sisters of Life, Superior General
PROGRAM SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19, 2017

5-6:30 p.m.  REGISTRATION

7-7:30 p.m.  WELCOME REMARKS AND PROGRAM OVERVIEW
Peter Danis, MD, CFCMC
President, American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals
Silverlake Ballroom A&B

7:30-8:30 p.m.  KEYNOTE ADDRESS
Bishop Michael Olson, STD, MA
Silverlake Ballroom A&B
• Review fundamental principles in medical and moral decision-making
• Discuss practical application of moral principles to medical cases

9-11 p.m.  OPENING RECEPTION
Pre-Function Area

9-11:45 p.m.  HOSPITALITY SUITE
Presidential Suite 6th Floor

THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017

7-7:30 a.m.  MASS
Cowboys Room B

7:30-8:30 a.m.  BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

8-8:30 a.m.  REGISTRATION
Pre-Function Area

8:30-9:30 a.m.  REVIEW OF FERTILITY TRACKING APPS
Marguerite Duane, MD and Alison Contreras, PhD
Silverlake Ballroom A&B
• Identify apps used to avoid pregnancy
• Discuss the development of the rating system to comprehensively evaluate the apps based on specific criteria
• Evaluate how well the apps apply evidence-based parameters to allow couples to accurately determine their window of fertility

9:30-10:30 a.m.  BLINDERS
Thomas Hilgers, MD, CFCMC, CFCE
Silverlake Ballroom A&B
• Review the medical data on the healthcare of women, children, and families over the last 65 years
• Review the sociological data that has impacted women, children, and families over the last 65 years
• Discuss why physicians and couples are having difficulty taking seriously these changes

10:30-10:45 a.m.  BREAK

10:45-11:45 a.m.  THYROID DYSFUNCTION: A REVIEW AND THREE TREATMENT APPROACHES
Christine Cimo-Hemphill, MD, CFCMC, FCI
Silverlake Ballroom A&B
• Review basic thyroid anatomy and physiology
• Discuss a thyroid dysfunction evaluation, including thyroid autoimmune disease
• Explain three different approaches to thyroid dysfunction treatment

11:45-1:45 p.m.  LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
Committee Chair Luncheon (invitation only)
Cowboys Room B

1:45-2:45 p.m.  MARKETING NAPRO VIA SOCIAL MEDIA
Brian Whittaker
Silverlake Ballroom A&B
• Discuss the basic requirements of an online presence for a FertilityCare practice
• Explore how to generate awareness using social media and the internet
• Outline how educational webinars can generate new clients

2:45-3:45 p.m.  SETTING UP A NON-HOSPITAL-BASED NAPRO CLINIC/CENTER
Caitlin Mills, FCP
Silverlake Ballroom A&B
• Outline steps involved in setting up a non-hospital-based FertilityCare Center
• Discuss the pros and cons of charitable/not-for-profit status versus for-profit status
• Discuss the role and responsibility of the Board of Directors and outline different types of board governance
• Identify areas of difficulty in establishing a FertilityCare Center
• Provide resources and encouragement for FertilityCare professionals interested in establishing a FertilityCare Center

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THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2017 continued...

3:45-4 p.m.  BREAK

4-5 p.m.  BUSINESS MEETING
Silverlake Ballroom A&B

5-5:30 p.m.  MEET THE CANDIDATES
Silverlake Ballroom A&B

5:30-8 p.m.  DINNER ON YOUR OWN

8:30-9:30 p.m.  FCCA RECEPTION (by invitation)
Silverlake Ballroom C

9-11:45 p.m.  HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN
Presidential Suite 6th Floor

FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2017

7-7:30 a.m.  MASS
Cowboys Room B

7:30-8:30 a.m.  BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

8:30-9:30 a.m.  SCIENCE AND RESEARCH FORUM
Robert Chasuk, MD, CFCMC
Silverlake Ballroom A&B
• Discuss current research in the area of natural fertility regulation
• Analyze current research in the light of the ethics, standards, and principles of NaProTECHNOLOGY

9:30-10:30 a.m.  LIGHT AT THE END OF THE TRANSGENDER TUNNEL: MAKING HEALTHCARE RIGHTS OF CONSCIENCE GREAT AGAIN
Sr. Renee Mirkes, OSE, PhD
Silverlake Ballroom A&B
• Define transgenderism and the different views of appropriate treatment for gender dysphoria
• Explore the 2016 HHS Gender Identity Mandate Regulations for healthcare that were based on government interpretation of prohibition of sex discrimination in healthcare stipulated in the ACA Section 1557
• Discuss the healthcare rights of conscience protections that should prevail during the new presidential administration

10:45-11:45 a.m.  BREAKOUT SESSION:
A. Medical Consultant Q & A
Thomas W. Hilgers, MD, CFCMC, CFCE
Silverlake Ballroom C
• Provide an opportunity for physicians and other medical professional to discuss specific issues involving the Creighton Model FertilityCare System and NaProTECHNOLOGY
• Educate medical staff on various applications and treatments using NaProTECHNOLOGY

B. Chart Management for Difficult Situations
Mandy Cox, BA, CFCE
Silverlake Ballroom D
• Review criteria of CrM chart management and scientific foundations
• Discuss advanced case management issues including yellow stamp use

11:45-1:30 p.m.  LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

11:45-1:30 p.m.  EDUCATION PROGRAM DIRECTORS LUNCHEON (by invitation)
Cowboys Room B
• Present new Creighton Model Core Curriculum
• Discuss the implementation of the new Core Curriculum in individual Education programs

1:30-2:30 p.m.  RECURRENT MISCARRIAGE AND TREATMENT WITH NAPROTECHNOLOGY
Jeremy Kalamarides, DO, CFCMC, FCP, FACOG
Silverlake Ballroom A&B
• Define recurrent miscarriage and review current causes of recurrent pregnancy loss
• Discuss NaProTECHNOLOGY’s fundamentally different approach with focus on the individual woman’s CrM FertilityCare System charting
• Describe the workup for recurrent pregnancy loss with NaProTECHNOLOGY
• Review cases of recurrent miscarriage and their treatment with NaProTECHNOLOGY

2:30-3:30 p.m.  ADRENAL DYSFUNCTION: AN OPEN-MINDED REVIEW
Christine Cimo-Hemphill, MD, CFCMC, FCI
Silverlake Ballroom A&B
• Review basic adrenal anatomy, physiology, and accepted disease processes
• Explain the controversial diagnosis of adrenal fatigue and its staging
• Discuss several treatment approaches to adrenal fatigue

3:30-3:45 p.m.  BREAK
FRIDAY, JULY 21, 2017 continued...

3:45-5 p.m.  BUSINESS MEETING  
(Includes panel discussion of recent survey and “open mic” for questions from membership)  
Silverlake Ballroom A&B

5 p.m.  DINNER ON YOUR OWN

5-11 p.m.  BILLY BOB’S TEXAS EXCURSION  
(Requires pre-paid ticket)

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8:30-9:30 a.m.  HORMONAL DYSFUNCTION AND MENTAL DISORDERS: CORRELATION AND CASE EXAMPLES  
Stephen Hilgers, MD, JD, CFCMC  
Silverlake Ballroom A&B

• Review specific mental/medical disorders affecting women  
• Analyze correlations between mood disorders and true hormonal dysfunction  
• Evaluate and discuss several case examples and potential treatment options

9:30-10:30 a.m.  THE INTEGRATION OF THEOLOGY OF THE BODY AND FERTILITY CARE  
Monica Ashour, MTS, M Hum  
Silverlake Ballroom A&B

• Explain the “total vision of man” as Pope Paul VI referenced in Humanae Vitae  
• Discuss the direct link between the TOB and Humanae Vitae, as well as St. John Paul II’s solutions  
• Demonstrate how Creighton Model FertilityCare and NaProTECHNOLOGY are compatible with God’s design and good for the human person

10:30-10:45 a.m. BREAK

SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017

7 a.m.  BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

7-8:30 a.m.  ONE-DAY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION  
Pre-Function Area

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SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017

7 a.m.  BREAKFAST ON YOUR OWN

7-8:30 a.m.  ONE-DAY CONFERENCE REGISTRATION  
Pre-Function Area

3:45-5 p.m.  BUSINESS MEETING  
(Includes panel discussion of recent survey and “open mic” for questions from membership)  
Silverlake Ballroom A&B

5 p.m.  DINNER ON YOUR OWN

5-11 p.m.  BILLY BOB’S TEXAS EXCURSION  
(Requires pre-paid ticket)

9-11:45 p.m.  HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN  
Presidential Suite 6th Floor

8:30-9:30 a.m.  HORMONAL DYSFUNCTION AND MENTAL DISORDERS: CORRELATION AND CASE EXAMPLES  
Stephen Hilgers, MD, JD, CFCMC  
Silverlake Ballroom A&B

• Review specific mental/medical disorders affecting women  
• Analyze correlations between mood disorders and true hormonal dysfunction  
• Evaluate and discuss several case examples and potential treatment options

9:30-10:30 a.m.  THE INTEGRATION OF THEOLOGY OF THE BODY AND FERTILITY CARE  
Monica Ashour, MTS, M Hum  
Silverlake Ballroom A&B

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LOCAL ATTRATIONS & SPECIAL EXCURSIONS

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LEGOLAND DISCOVERY CENTER  
www.legolanddiscoverycenter.com/dallasfw

CROSS TIMBERS WINERY  
www.crosstimberswinery.com | 817.488.6789

SIX FLAGS OVER TEXAS AMUSEMENT PARK  
www.sixflags.com/overtexas

COWBOYS GOLF CLUB  
www.cowboysgolfclub.com | 817.481.7277

GRAPEVINE GOLF COURSE  
www.grapevinegolf.com | 817.410.3377

GRAPEVINE MILLS MALL  
www.simon.com/mall/grapevine-mills | 317.636.1600

BASS PRO SHOPS  
www.basspro.com | 972.724.2018

AT&T STADIUM (COWBOYS STADIUM)  
www.attstadium.com | 817.892.4000

TEXAS RANGERS STADIUM  
www.texas.rangers.mlb.com | 866.800.1275

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BILLY BOB’S TEXAS  
Join us for an excursion to the Historic Fort Worth Stockyards and Billy Bob’s Texas, “The World’s Greatest Honky Tonk.” Buses will transport from the hotel to Cooper’s Old Time BBQ Pit for dinner. Afterward, you are free to walk over to the Historic Stockyards for sightseeing and/or shopping and then go to Billy Bob’s for some music, live bull riding and two-steppin’. Billy Bob’s Texas advertises as an 18 & up club; however, minors are allowed as long as they are with a legal guardian at all times. Children pay full price. $60 includes BBQ dinner and Billy Bob’s admission.
SATURDAY, JULY 22, 2017

10:45-11:45 a.m. CREIGHTON MODEL Q & A
Thomas W. Hilgers, MD, CFCMC, CFCE
Silverlake Ballroom A&B
• Increase knowledge of the application of Creighton Model FertilityCare System and NaProTECHNOLOGY
• Explore the practical uses of Creighton Model in various case related areas

11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. LUNCHEON
TOGETHER WE ARE HEALTHY: A RELATIONAL PARADIGM FOR INTERNATIONAL HEALTH CARE DEVELOPMENT
George Mulcaire-Jones, MD
Silverlake Ballroom C&D
• Discuss the deficiencies of the prevailing paradigm of international development
• Identify the gaps that exist between the need for couple-centered development inclusive of NFP and what actually exists on the ground in resource limited settings
• Explain the “Couple Bead Method of Natural Family Planning” which is a simplified method of NFP using color beads to track a woman’s fertility cycle
• Assess how international health care priorities can be redirected toward a development paradigm that respects the life and dignity of all persons, born and unborn, and emphasizes the integrity of marriage and family to the well-being of society

1-2 p.m. MALE INFERTILITY: A DIFFERENT SIDE TO THE SAME COIN
Peter Danis, MD, CFCMC
Silverlake Ballroom A&B
• Review the terminology that is used in defining male infertility
• Review the incidence and etiology
• Discuss the evidence behind current recommended medical and surgical treatments of male infertility from a NaPro perspective

2-3 p.m. GENERAL UPDATES IN CRM FERTILITYCARE CHART MANAGEMENT
Sue Hilgers, BA, CFCE
Ann Prebil, BSN, RN, CFCE
K. Diane Daly, RN, CFCE
Silverlake Ballroom A&B
• Update procedures for basic and advanced Creighton Model chart management
• Present protocols for recording bleeding descriptions on the Creighton Model chart

3-3:15 p.m. BREAK

3:15-4:15 p.m. A TIME TO NETWORK: TRANSLATING KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE INTO A BETTER PRACTICE
Facilitator: Peter Danis, MD, CFCMC
Silverlake Ballroom A&B
Choose one of the four breakouts:
1) Review successes and challenges of teaching the Creighton Model FertilityCare System and applying NaProTECHNOLOGY in the Third World
2) Review and discuss practical ways to implement NaProTECHNOLOGY diagnostic and treatment protocols for common gynecologic and reproductive problems
3) Share ethical challenges and approaches to different patient and professional situations
4) Brainstorm on new approaches and tools to improve professional image, marketing, and practice management for FertilityCare Professionals

5-6 p.m. CLOSING MASS
St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
861 Wildwood Lane, Grapevine, TX 76051
(Buses will leave at 4:30 p.m. and 4:45 p.m.)

7-9 p.m. CLOSING BANQUET & PRESENTATION OF AWARDS
Silverlake Ballroom C&D

9-11:45 p.m. HOSPITALITY SUITE OPEN
Presidential Suite 6th Floor

DISCLOSURES:
The planners and speakers for this event have no conflict of interest to disclose:
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Peter Danis, MD, CFCMC
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Thomas Hilgers, MD, Dip ABOG, ABLS, SRS, CFCMC, CFCE has published a textbook on NaProTECHNOLOGY. Since it is not for sale at this conference, there is no conflict of interest.
Jeremy Kalamarides, DO, CFMC, FCP, FACOG
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Sister Renee Mirkes, OSF, PhD
George Mulcaire-Jones, MD
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MONICA ASHOUR, MTS, M HUM is an author, national speaker, and President of The Theology of the Body Evangelization Team, Inc. known as TOBET. Having earned two masters degrees from the University of Dallas and been an educator for over 20 years, she has become an expert in understanding and articulating Pope John Paul's Theology of the Body (TOB).

ROBERT M. CHASUK, MD, CFCMC is the Associate Director for both Graduate Medical Education and the Family Medicine Residency Program at the Baton Rouge General Medical Center, as well as Clinical Associate Professor, Tulane University School of Medicine. He is a Certified FertilityCare Medical Consultant through the AAFCP and serves as medical faculty for FertilityCare Practitioner education programs.

ALISON CONTRERAS, PHD, FCP serves as the Director of Programs and Apps Project Manager for the FACTS (Fertility Appreciation Collaborative to Teach the Science) collaborative. Alison has taught a sympto-thermal FABM since 2009 and the CrMS since 2014. As an FABM teacher in two systems, Alison understands the importance of clients receiving factual information from their physicians in order to make and support their healthcare decisions. She received a BS in Civil Engineering in 2006 and a PhD in Environmental Engineering in 2011 from Rice University. She has authored 9 peer-reviewed and conference papers. She has taught FABMs in three major metropolitan areas: Houston, Los Angeles, and the District of Columbia.

MANDY COX, BA, CFCE has been working in the FertilityCare System for over 15 years, both as a Practitioner and an Educator. She spent most of her professional career providing FertilityCare Services in North Texas. She is the Program Director of St. Gerard FertilityCare Services and has served as a faculty member on a number of Education Programs. She has served as a Case Reviewer on the Commission on Certification and as Vice-Chairperson. She is also a founding member of WholeLife Authentic Care, a non-profit dedicated to bring NaPro to North Texas.

K. DIANE DALY, RN, CFCE is a wife, mother, grandmother, Co-Developer of the Creighton Model FertilityCare System, Co-Founder of the Department of FertilityCare Services, Mercy Hospital St. Louis, Director of the Archdiocese of St. Louis Office of NFP, and Senior faculty member of the Pope Paul VI Institute Education Program. She has served as Faculty for independent education programs, the first President of the AAFCP, and Vice President of FertilityCare Centers International and FertilityCare Centers of America.

PETER DANIS, MD, CFCMC has shared his love and knowledge of NaProTECHNOLOGY with students, health professionals, and patients for over 20 years. He was Chairman of Science & Research Committee from 2000-2005. He received the Medical Consultant of the Year award from the AAFCP in 2007. He joined the Board of the AAFCP in 2013. He supports ongoing research in NaProTECHNOLOGY, including work of the IIRRM, the iNEST study, and the Pope Paul VI Institute. He has volunteered in medical mission work in Mexico and Central America since 1998 and is interested in supporting efforts that bring the good news of natural family planning to the Third World. He is a Faculty Member of Mercy Family Medicine Residency, Clinical Professor at St. Louis University School of Medicine, and President of the AAFCP.

MARGUERITE DUANE, MD, MHA, FAAFP is a board-certified family physician and co-founder and Executive Director of FACTS – the Fertility Appreciation Collaborative to Teach the Science – a project of the Family Medicine Education Consortium (FMEC). Dr. Duane also serves as an Adjunct Associate Professor at Georgetown University, where she directs an introductory course on natural methods of family planning and is a practicing physician with Modern Mobile Medicine, a direct primary care house-calls based practice. Dr. Duane has previously served on the boards of both the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP) and the FMEC. Dr. Duane received her MD degree with recognition in primary care from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and completed her Family Medicine residency at Lancaster General Hospital in Lancaster, PA. She received a Bachelor of Science with Honors degree and a Master of Health Administration degree from Cornell University. Dr. Duane is also trained as a Creighton Medical Consultant and a TeenSTAR educator. Dr. Duane balances her career as a teacher and Family Physician with her role as a wife and mother.

CHRISTINE CIMO-HEMPHILL, MD, CFCMC, FCI is a wife and mother of four. She completed the St. John Paul the Great Fellowship in Medical & Surgical NaProTECHNOLOGY after completing her residency in OB/GYN at East Carolina University in Greenville, NC. She earned her medical degree at the Medical University of South Carolina and her undergraduate degree at the University of South Carolina. She has an additional interest in the medical approaches of Functional Medicine and loves being in the operating room and teaching.

STEPHEN HILGERS, MD, JD, CFCMC is a member of the Department of OB/GYN at the Houston Methodist Hospital. He received a BS in Economics from Baylor University in Waco, TX, earned his law degree from the SMU Dedman School of Law in Dallas, and is a member of the State Bar of Texas. He received his medical degree from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston and completed residency in OB/GYN at the Houston Methodist Hospital, where he was named the Resident of the Year. He completed his fellowship training in Omaha, NE in medical and surgical NaProTECHNOLOGY. He is a member of the AAFCP, American Association of Gynecologic Laparoscopists, and the Health Law Section of the State Bar of Texas. He is a Diplomate of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology.
SUSAN HILGERS, BA, CFCP, CFCE is a wife, mother, grandmother, Co-Developer of the Creighton Model FertilityCare System, Senior faculty member of the Pope Paul VI Institute Education Program, Pope Paul VI Institute Vice President, and Secretary of FertilityCare Centers International and FertilityCare Centers of America.

THOMAS W. HILGERS, MD, DIP. ABOG, ABLS, SRS, CFCMC, CFCE is an OB/GYN specializing in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery and Founder/Director of the Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction in Omaha, NE. He is a member of the Pontifical Academy for Life, Co-Developer of the Creighton Model FertilityCare System, and Developer of NaProTECHNOLOGY. He is the author of the textbook, The Medical and Surgical Practice of NaProTECHNOLOGY. He is President of FertilityCare Centers International.

JEREMY KALAMARIDES, DO, CFCMC, FCP, FACOG is the Medical Director of the Vitae Clinic and St. John Paul II Life Center in Austin, Texas. He graduated from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2005 and completed an osteopathic internship and residency in obstetrics and gynecology at Sisters of Charity Hospital in Buffalo, NY in 2010. Prior to medical school he worked at the Pope Paul VI Institute where he helped his mentor, Dr. Hilgers, complete research for the definitive text The Medical and Surgical Practice of NaProTECHNOLOGY. His major interests are minimally invasive surgical treatment of endometriosis and PCOS, prevention of miscarriage, treatment of PMS and PCOS, and holistic care and delivery of pregnant women.

CAITLIN MILLS, FCP graduated from Arizona State University in 2010 with a double major in international business and marketing. After three years of managing her own marketing business, she completed the Creighton Model Education Program in 2015 and now sees clients at Morning Star OB/GYN in Gilbert, AZ. She and her husband, Luke, have three beautiful children.

SISTER RENÉE MIRKES, OSF, PHD is a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity, Manitowoc, WI. She serves as director of the Center for NaProEthics, the ethics division of the Pope Paul VI Institute, Omaha, NE. Sister Renée has a graduate degree in theology from the University of St. Thomas, Houston, TX and a doctorate degree in theological ethics from Marquette University, Milwaukee, WI (1995). In her current position, she deals with procreative and birth ethics through consultations, publications, and public speaking.

GEORGE MULCAIRE-JONES, MD is the Founder and President of Maternal Life International. He practices family medicine and obstetrics at St. James Hospital in Butte, MT. He is a board-certified family practitioner and has completed additional fellowship training in obstetrics. He has been a member of the Strategic Integrated Leadership Team at St. James Healthcare and leads its Maternal and Newborn Council. Dr. Mulcaire-Jones has been providing training and program development in Africa and Haiti for the past twenty years. He and his wife have six children.

BISHOP MICHAEL OLSON, STD, MA was a recipient of the Basselin Scholarship at the Catholic University of America from which he earned his bachelor’s degree and master’s degree in philosophy in 1988 and 1989 respectively. Bishop Olson also has degrees (MDiv and MA) in theological studies from the University of St. Thomas in Houston. He was a charter recipient of the CRS Global Fellowship in 1993 through which he traveled to Egypt and Burkina Faso to learn about global development in social justice. He is also a past recipient of the Presidential Fellowship of Saint Louis University where he studied at the Center for Health Care Ethics in the Catholic Tradition between 1997 and 2001. He has served as a community representative on the Ethics Committee for Research Involving Human Subjects at the University of Texas Medical Center in Houston. In March of 2011 he successfully earned his doctorate in moral theology at the Academia Alfonsiana in Rome.

ANN PREBIL, RN, BSN, CFCE is a wife, mother, grandmother, Co-Developer of the Creighton Model FertilityCare System, and Senior faculty member of the Pope Paul VI Institute Education Program. She is currently the Chair of the Commission on Accreditation for the AAFCP. She is the Supervisor for the Department of FertilityCare Services at St. John's Mercy Medical Center, St. Louis, MO. She is Vice President of FertilityCare Centers International and FertilityCare Centers of America.

BRIAN WHITTAKER believes every FertilityCare professional can access an abundance of clients without becoming a marketing expert. He became involved with FertilityCare in 2009 as a Creighton Model System user after becoming open to life in his marriage while his wife, Dr. Naomi Whittaker (a 2017-18 NaProTECHNOLOGY Fellow), attended medical school. They now have three children. He has worked with EWTN, Catholic News Agency, Dan Burke of the National Catholic Register, Gianna Jessen, Relevant Radio, CatholicTV, and StoryTel Foundation to spread awareness of faithful Catholic and pro-life medicine. He is President of SPICE Rabbit, the only independent marketing agency dedicated to generating new business for FertilityCare professionals.

The CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare System and the new women's health science of NaProTECHNOLOGY have been developed through a research and education effort coordinated and directed by Thomas W. Hilgers, MD, Director of the Pope Paul VI Institute for the Study of Human Reproduction. Faculty members do not financially benefit.
PETER DANIS  
PRESIDENT

Peter Danis is a family physician and a Certified FertilityCare Medical Consultant. He became President of the AAFCP in 2015. Dr. Danis is on the Faculty of Mercy Family Medicine Residency, and he is Clinical Professor at St. Louis University School of Medicine. He enjoys sharing knowledge about fertility awareness and the medical/surgical applications with students, physicians, and other health care professionals. He has a Master’s in Medical Management from Carnegie Mellon University. He is grateful for his vocations as husband, father, physician, teacher, and leader.

THERESA SCHORTGEN  
PRESIDENT ELECT

Theresa Schortgen is a Certified FertilityCare Practitioner since 2009 and FertilityCare Supervisor since 2012. Married to Chris for 36 years, she is grateful to God for gifting them 5 children, and soon their 16th grandchild. Chris and Theresa completed the two year Education-for-Ministry (EfM) sponsored by OSV through the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese in 2006. As an FCPI, the EfM formation was the ecclesial linchpin to personalize Theology of the Body when teaching the CrMS.

Together, as a lay couple, they have hosted high school and college-aged youth groups, sponsored workshops on infertility, PMS, and PCOD, led programs designed for engaged couples, taught in the Rite for Christian Initiation of Adults, and led a retreat for teens with Down syndrome. As an AAFCP colleague, she remains passionate about FertilityCare and dedicated to listening to members. Being member-focused AAFCP can address and develop tailor-made online educational tools for the advancement of all FertilityCare Professionals.

She is honored to have served you as President-Elect and looks forward to serving as your AAFCP President for the next two years.

DENISE SEEGER  
SECRETARY

Denise Seeger is from Lafayette, IN and is completing her term on the Board. She has chaired both the Awards and Publications committees and feels privileged to have had so many opportunities to serve the work of the Academy since becoming a FertilityCare Practitioner in 2001. She and her husband of 32 years have three adult children and one grandchild.

ANGELA LINVILLE  
FINANCIAL OFFICER

Angela Linville is a Certified FertilityCare Practitioner currently residing in Platte City, MO. She began her journey with FertilityCare during her engagement to husband Josh in 2002. After many years of NaPro treatment through the Pope Paul VI Institute, she decided to use her experience to help others and trained to become a Practitioner through the 2005 Education Program in Kansas City, MO. She has served clients through the FertilityCare Center of Kansas City as the Program Director and Responsible Practitioner for a time, and also through the Catholic Diocese of Wichita in Kansas. She and her husband have two NaPro children, Zachary and Timothy, and have returned home to Missouri where Angela is currently working to complete her FertilityCare Educator Internship.

Angela’s active involvement with the AAFCP began after she achieved certification in 2009, when she began serving on a variety of committees including the Nominating Committee, Publications Committee, and Certification Committee. She is honored to be working more closely with the Academy through the Board of Directors.
KAREN POEHAILOS  
VP FOR ETHICS AND STANDARDS
Karen Poehailos is a board certified family physician in private practice and a clinical preceptor for the family medicine clerkship at the University of Virginia School of Medicine. She has been a Certified FertilityCare Medical Consultant since 2012, and greatly enjoys using the tools of NaProTECHNOLOGY to help women and couples, as well as sharing that knowledge with her medical students. Additionally, she is the NFP Coordinator for the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, VA and a member of the USCCB NFP National Advisory Board. She is honored to have this opportunity to give back to the AAFCP in return for all she has learned and the patients she has been blessed to help.

SHIRA WISE  
VP FOR MEMBERSHIP
Shira Wise is from Kennewick, WA, and this is her 14th year of involvement with the Creighton and NaProTECHNOLOGY communities. She is currently the center and program director for Three Rivers FertilityCare Center and Practitioner Education Program. She began her journey as a Practitioner in 2001 and continued on in 2008 to begin the educator program, completing in 2009. Her work has evolved from being a practitioner in her parish to creating a hospital-based center and developing an independent education program. As the VP for Membership, she works to continue to grow our ranks, support current members, and manage dues and records. Shira is grateful to the Academy for the opportunity to serve. This is her fourth year on the Board of Directors.

EILEEN SIRIOIS  
VP FOR PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT
Eileen Sirois, CNM, CFCP, CFCMC is a Certified Nurse-Midwife and Certified FertilityCare Practitioner/Medical Consultant. In 1981 she obtained a BSN from Ohio State University and in 1990 obtained a MS in Nursing/Midwifery at the University of Utah. She has been teaching the Creighton Model system to couples since 2005 and attained certification in 2007. She currently teaches in Athens Ohio and is the Director of Freedom FertilityCare Services of Columbus, Ohio.

KAREN HEMINGWAY  
IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
Karen Hemingway has been a member of the Board of Directors of the American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals since 2011. She has held the position of the Executive Director of FertilityCare Toronto (FCT) since October 2002. Karen is a married mother of six children and five grandchildren. She was trained as a Certified FertilityCare Practitioner in 1988 and Certified FertilityCare Supervisor in 2009. Karen has been involved with FertilityCare Toronto since 1981 when she and her husband, Rick, learned the CrMS to plan their own family. Karen had no idea where she was being lead so many years ago! She is grateful for the people and opportunities FertilityCare have brought her.

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FERTILITY CARE PROFESSIONAL EXCELLENCE AWARDS
2005 Jean Packard, FCP
2006 Kathy Blascyk, CFCP
2007 Linda Cady, RN, BSN, CFCP
2008 Becky Knapp, RN, BSN, CFCP
2009 Margaret Yates, BSN, MA, CFCP
2010 Michele Chambers, BA, CFCP
2011 Diane Daly, RN, CFCE
2012 Donna Vondrak, FCP
2014 Maria Perkins, CFCP
2015 Kathy Rivet, CFCE
2016 Jeanne Karnath, BS, CFCP

HONORARY AWARDS
1985 Thomas W. Hilgers, MD, CNFPE, CFCMC
1986 Evelyn Eaton, CNFPP
1987 Rev. Denis St. Marie
1989 Ruth Taylor, MD, CNFPP, CNFPMC, NFPE
1990 K. Diane Daly, RN, CNFPE
1991 John J. Billings, MD
1991 Evelyn Billings, MD
1993 Mother Teresa of Calcutta
1996 Shirley Hoefler, CNFPE
1997 Susan K. Hilgers, CNFPE
1998 Ann M. Prebil, RN, CNFPE
1999 Kathy Rivet, BS, CNFPE
2000 Davey Weitzel, CNFPP
2001 Rev. Daniel McCaffrey, STD
2004 Margaret Howard, MAM, CFCE
2008 Creighton University School of Medicine
2010 Chris Kahlenborn, MD
2011 Cardinal William J. Levada
2013 Janina Filipczuk, B. Sc. Phm, M. Sc, FACA, CFCP, CFCE, CFChC
2015 Joseph Stanford, MD, MSPH, CFCMC

HALL OF FAME AWARDS
1991 Jane Beam, CNFPP
1996 His Holiness Pope Paul VI
1997 Herbert Ratner, MD
2001 Bishop Glennon P. Flavin
2004 Erik Odeblad, MD
2006 Nancy Botkin, CFCE
2008 Bernardo Colombo, PhD
2009 His Holiness Pope John Paul II
2011 Professor James Boyer Brown
2016 Rev. Wilhelm Hillebrand

OUTSTANDING PRACTITIONER/INSTRUCTOR AWARDS
1991 Richard Fehring, DNSC, RN, CNFPE
1992 Sr. Julianna Jervis, OP, RN, CNFPP
1993 Anita Lucketti, CNFPP
1994 Pauline DuFour, CNFPP
1995 Judy Pittack, MS, CNFPE
1996 Ann Nerbun, CNFPP
1997 Nancy Botkin, RN, CNFPE
1998 Sr. Marilyn Mangan, CNFPP, CNFPE
1999 Phyllis White, CNFPE
2000 Patricia Wermuth, CNFPP
2001 Jeanne Stoll, RN, CNFPP
2003 Diane Hale, RN, CFCE
2004 Kathy Cherovsky, CFCS
2005 Maureen Duhn, RN, CFCP
2006 Angelique Garcia, LPN, BSE, CFCE
2007 Nancy McGrath, RN, BS, CFCE
2008 Kathy Hirkala, BSN, CFCE
2009 Dorice Millar, RN, CFCE
2011 Barbara Rose, RN, MSN, CFCP
2013 Christy Shoen, CFCE
2014 LaDean Barnes, M.Ed., CFCP
2015 Jeanice Vinduska, CFCE
2016 Elizabeth Kauffeld, CFCP, CFCE

OUTSTANDING MEDICAL CONSULTANT AWARDS
1999 Thomas W. Hilgers, MD, CNFPE, CNFPMC
2000 Joseph B. Stanford, MD, CNFPMC
2001 Phil Boyle, MD, CNFPMC
2003 Teresa McKenna, MD, CNFPMC, CFCP
2004 Paul Carpentier, MD, CNFPMC
2005 Amanda LaMont, MD, CFCMC, CFCE
2007 Peter Danis, MD, CFCMC
2009 Mark Stegman, MD, CFCMC
2010 Michael Dixon, MD, CFCMC, FCP
2011 Lynn Keenan, MD, CFCMC
2012 Debra Gramlich, MD, CFCMC
2014 Jean Golden-Tevald, DO, CFCMC
2016 Elizabeth Tham, MD, CCFP, FCFP, CFCMC
1996
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Rebecca Ramos, Kathy Irene Kennedy, Cynthia M. Visness
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1997
“Cervical Mucus and Their Functions”
Erik Odeblad, MD

1998
“Creighton Model NaProEducation Technology for Avoiding Pregnancy: Use Effectiveness”
Thomas W. Hilgers, MD and Joseph B. Stanford, MD

1999
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Margaret P. Howard, CNFPE and Joseph B. Stanford, MD
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2000
“Characteristics of Women Associated with Continuing Instruction in the Creighton Model FertilityCare System”
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Richard Fehring, RN, DNSc, Lisa Manson, CNM, DNSc, & Joseph Stanford, MD
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2007
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Anthony O. Odibo, MD et al.
Obstetrics and Gynecology 2006; 108: 492-498

2007
“Normalization of Hyperinsulinemia by Chronic Opioid Receptor Blockade in Hyperandrogenemic Women”
Dijana Hadžiomerović, MD et al.
Fertility and Sterility 2006; 86: 651-657

2009
“Outcomes From Treatment of Infertility With Natural Procreative Technology in an Irish General Practice”
Joseph Stanford, MD, MSPH, Tracey Parnell, MD and Phil C. Boyle, MB

2010
“Near Adhesion-Free Reconstructive Pelvic Surgery: Three Distinct Phases of Progress Over 23 years”
Thomas W. Hilgers, MD

2011
“Types of Ovarian Activity in Women and their Significance: The Continuum” (a reinterpretation of early findings)
James B. Brown, MSc, PhD
Human Reproduction Update 1–18, 2010 (published posthumously)

2012
“The New Women’s Health Science of NaproTECHNOLOGY”
Thomas W. Hilgers, MD

2013
“Natural Procreative Technology for Infertility and Recurrent Miscarriage: Outcomes in a Canadian Family Practice”
Elizabeth Tham, MD, CCFP, FCFP, Karen Schliep, PhD, MSPH, Joseph Stanford, MD, MSPH
Canadian Family Physician 2012; 58:267-74

2014
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Osteopathic Family Physician 2013; 5:2-8

2015
“Pilot test and validation of the Peak Day method of prospective determination of ovulation against a handheld urine hormone monitor”
Christina Porucznik, Kyley Cox, Karen Schliep, & Joseph Stanford
BMC Women’s Health 2014; 14:4
www.biomedcentral.com/1472-6874/14/4

2016
“Self-identification of the Clinical Fertile Window and the Ovulation Period”
Rene Ecochard MD, PhD, Olivia Duterque MD, Rene Leiva MD, Thomas Bouchard MD, and Pilar Vigil MD
Fertility and Sterility, 103(5):1319-1325
AWARD WINNER

“The Performance of Fertility Awareness-based Method Apps Marked to Avoid Pregnancy”
Marguerite Duane, MD, MHA, FAAFP
Alison Contreras, PhD, FCP
Elizabeth T. Jensen, MPH, PhD
Amina White, MD, MA

*J Am Board Fam Med* 2016; 29:508 –511

Nearly 100 apps allow women to track their fertility and menstrual cycles and can be used to avoid or achieve pregnancy. They offer a convenient way to track fertility biomarkers. However, only some use evidence-based fertility awareness-based methods (FABMs), which with ideal use have rates of effectiveness similar to those of commonly used forms of hormonal birth control. Considering the importance of the decision to seek or avoid pregnancy, women and couples should have access to reliable, evidence-based apps that allow them to accurately track their fertility.

The authors developed a tool to evaluate and rate fertility apps, specifically in regards to helping couples avoid pregnancy. They found that at least 1 app in each FABM category (except symptohormonal methods) had a perfect score on accuracy. However, the majority of fertility apps are not based on evidence-based FABMs or include a disclaimer discouraging use for avoiding pregnancy.

The authors concluded that in seeking to prevent pregnancy, it may not be sufficient to rely solely on an app without appropriate training in the FABM.

OTHER STUDIES CONSIDERED

“Effectiveness of a Natural Family Planning Service Program”
Richard J. Fehring, PhD, RN, FAAN
Mary Schneider, MSN, APRN, FNP-BC

*MCN Am J Matern Child Nurs* 2017 Jan/Feb; 42(1):43–49

This 24-month prospective study sought to determine and compare extended use- effectiveness of an online nurse-managed fertility education service program among women seeking to avoid pregnancy.

663 nonbreastfeeding women seeking to avoid pregnancy used an online charting system to track their fertility with either cervical mucus monitoring, electronic hormonal fertility monitoring, or both. Unintended pregnancies were validated by professional nurses.

Among all users, there were 1.6 unintended pregnancies per 100 at both 12 and 24 cycles of correct use and 15 pregnancies at 24 cycles of typical use. The 24 cycle typical use unintended pregnancy rates for the groups using the electronic fertility monitor alone, cervical mucus alone, and both markers together were 6, 19, and 18, respectively.

The authors concluded that the use of the electronic fertility monitor to estimate fertility among nonbreastfeeding women provides the most secure method of avoiding pregnancy.

“Monitoring of Ovarian Activity by Measurement of Urinary Excretion Rates Using the Ovarian Monitor, Part IV: The Relationship of the Pregnanediol Glucuronide Threshold to Basal Body Temperature and Cervical Mucus as Markers for the Beginning of the Postovulatory Infertile Period”
Leonard F. Blackwell, Pilar Vigil, María Elena Alliende, Simon Brown, Mario Festin, and Delwyn G. Cooke


This multicenter study of 62 normally cycling women using fertility awareness methods, sought to quantify the correlation of the basal body temperature (BBT) shift and cervical mucus markers with the urinary pregnanediol glucuronide (PdG) threshold value in determining the beginning of the postovulatory infertile phase (POIP) of a menstrual cycle. The PdG threshold of 7.0 mmol/24 h was used as an established marker for the POIP as it is closely correlated with serum progesterone when variations in urine volume are taken into account.

91 fertile cycles were analyzed to identify the day of the beginning of the POIP by BBT shift + 2 days, the day of the mucus peak +4 days, and the later of these two indicators and then correlated to the urinary Pdg threshold. A group of 15 women from a separate study at the Chilean center had their day of ovulation determined by ultrasound, as well.
Perfect agreement between the cervical mucus markers and BBT shift and the hormonal definition of the start of post-ovulatory infertility occurred for only 7–17% of the cycles.

The BBT, cervical mucus markers, and the later of the two preceded the PdG threshold in identifying the beginning of the POIP 10.2%, 10 % and 6.8% of cycles, respectively.

The authors propose that the reliability of these markers could be improved if PdG measurements were commenced with the onset of mucus with fertile characteristics.

"A Qualitative Study of the Barriers and Enablers to Fertility-awareness Education in General Practice"

Kerry D. Hampton, Jennifer M. Newton, Rhian Parker & Danielle Mazza

Journal of Advanced Nursing 2016 72(7): 1541–1551

This descriptive exploratory qualitative study used deductive content analysis to understand the barriers and enablers to fertility-awareness education in general practice.

Semi-structured interviews based on the 12 domains of a theoretical behavior change framework were completed with 11 general practitioners and 20 practice nurses in three socioculturally diverse areas in Victoria, Australia from April–August 2012.

The authors found that the biggest barriers to fertility-awareness education in general practice were short consultations and time constraints faced by general practitioners together with a lack of patient educational materials and remuneration to support its delivery. The biggest enablers were a greater use of nurses trained in fertility awareness in a collaborative team care arrangement with general practitioners.

"Vaginal Progesterone to Prevent Preterm Birth in Pregnant Women With a Sonographic Short Cervix: Clinical and Public Health Implications"

Agustin Conde-Agudelo, MD, MPH, PhD
Roberto Romero, MD, DMedSci


This publication is published as a “Clinical Opinion” article. The authors present a comprehensive review of the literature and present a compelling case for universal transvaginal cervical length (CL) screening at 18-24 weeks of gestation in women with a singleton gestation and subsequent treatment followed by administration of vaginal progesterone to those with a CL <25 mm, regardless of the history of spontaneous preterm birth, with the goal of preventing preterm birth and neonatal morbidity and mortality.

They assert a substantial reduction of the risk for preterm birth from <28 to <35 weeks of gestation, respiratory distress syndrome, composite neonatal morbidity and mortality, admission to the neonatal intensive care unit, and mechanical ventilation (NNT 10-19). The number needed to screen for the prevention of preterm birth before 34 weeks of gestation is 125 women, and 225 for the prevention of major neonatal morbidity or neonatal mortality. The authors estimate that in the United States there would be an annual reduction of approximately 30,000 preterm births before 34 weeks of gestation and of 17,500 cases of major neonatal morbidity or neonatal mortality with CL screening and appropriate administration of vaginal progesterone.
I. REPORTS

After a report has been given,

A. Members of the Academy may address the President, or designated chair, from the floor.
B. The President may choose to have questions and comments directed to those giving the reports.

II. RESOLUTIONS (See Policy and Procedure XXI - 1)

III. ANNUAL MEETING PROTOCOL

A. Twenty percent (20%) of the Active Members must be present to constitute a quorum at the Annual Meeting.
B. The Vice President for Membership in consultation with the Financial Officer and the Commissioner for Certification verify a quorum to the President.
C. A member of the Membership Committee, or another designated member, who can verify Active Members in good standing, must be available on the floor at all times during all Annual Business Meeting sessions.
D. Active (voting) Members must sit in their designated area during the Business Meeting.
E. Guests, Auditors, or all those other than Active Members in good standing, must sit in an area other than the designated area for Active Members.
F. The President may utilize a designated page(s) for dissemination of materials or other appropriate services.
G. If a member wishes to speak, he/she should move to the microphone to be recognized by the chair. Upon recognition, the Member states name, membership status, region, and then proceeds.

IV. CONDUCT OF MEETING

(Modern Rules of Order, according to Bylaw 20.0)

A. Role of the Chair (usually the President)

1. Authority for conduct of the meeting is assigned to the Chair, who shall be responsible for timely, fair and reasonable conduct of the meeting's business.
2. Decisions of the Chair are final on questions of procedure, except that any ruling can be appealed to a vote of the meeting.
3. If a ruling of the Chair is corrected by the meeting, the Chair shall amend its ruling to reflect the will of the meeting.

B. Rules and Governing Law

1. The rules of conduct of the meeting are subordinate to the Bylaws of the AAFCP which are subordinate to prevailing state or federal law.

C. Agenda

1. The Chair shall be responsible for establishing the agenda, in consultation with the Secretary.

D. General Discussion

1. Issues that require consideration of the membership may be discussed without formal motion. An issue may be resolved by recording
   a. the general consensus or “sense of the meeting,” or
   b. by a formal motion.

E. General Principles for Discussion

1. Discussion of any issue is subject to regulation by the Chair to assure adequate consideration of relevant points of view in the best interests of the organization.

   The objectives of discussion are to:
   a. determine the will of the body and to articulate decisions for conduct of business;
   b. assure sufficient discussion and consideration of issues so that all pertinent points of view are considered;
   c. maintain at all times the dignity of the meeting so that each recognized speaker's views are made known to voting participants and to ensure that appropriate respect is accorded all members; and
   d. present the consideration of business in a manner understood by all participants.

F. General Consensus

1. When the meeting participants embrace a course of action by a clear consensus, the Chair may, if there is no objection, state that action upon the issue is resolved by “general consensus.”
2. This shall be recorded in the minutes as the decision of the meeting.
3. The Chair may also announce that, without objection, a matter may be recorded as the unanimous action of the meeting.

G. Use of Motions

1. Where a sense of the meeting cannot be determined with reasonable certainty or where, by reason of importance of the matter, formal approval or a count of the votes is desired, the Chair or any Active Academy Member may state the proposal as a motion.
2. It is also the right of any active member, at anytime during discussion, to propose resolution of an issue by motion.
BUSINESS MEETING GUIDELINES

3. After agreeing to use a motion, when recognized by the chair a member usually uses the wording “I move ...” and another member “I second ...”

4. When seconded, that motion becomes the issue under consideration, subject to debate, amendment, and final disposition by a vote of the meeting.

5. After the motion has been seconded, the first opportunity to speak is usually given to the person who made the motion.

H. Every motion is debatable. A member who desires to speak in debate must obtain the floor as recognized by the chair.

I. Each Active Academy Member can debate a subject no longer than two (2) minutes and may speak to an issue only twice.

J. The President Elect monitors the time for the Chair.

K. No subject is debated longer than a total of fifteen (15) minutes. Debate should avoid personal reference, referring by title and avoiding names as much as possible.

L. An AFFIRMATIVE vote is indicated by raising the BLUE colored card.

M. A NEGATIVE vote is indicated by raising the RED colored card.

N. Motion sheets are available and should be submitted to the Academy Secretary following the spoken Motion.

V. Public Statements: No Public Statement, or press release, is made concerning the Academy except through the President.

VI. Annual Business Meeting Minutes: Minutes of the Academy Annual Business Meeting are approved by a Committee composed of Immediate Past President, the President and the Secretary who has recorded the said minutes.

REGIONAL MAP

Region numbers are shown for each state.

Guam 9
Puerto Rico 3
U.S. Virgin Islands 3

Members from outside the United States, its territories and possessions, shall choose one of the nine geographic areas for affiliation.
THURSDAY - JULY 20, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER
   Peter Danis, President

II. INVOCATION

III. CREDENTIALS REPORT
    Shira Wise, VP for Membership

IV. GUIDELINES AND PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE
    Karen Hemingway, Immediate Past President

V. ADOPTION OF PROGRAM
   Eileen Sirois, VP for Planning & Development

VI. PRESIDENT’S ADDRESS
    Peter Danis

VII. FINANCIAL REPORT
    Angela Linville, Financial Officer

VIII. COMMITTEE REPORTS
    Reports posted online at www.aafcp.net through the member portal. Committee chairs will take questions or comments from the floor
    A. Awards – Elisabeth Laskowski
    B. Bylaws – Theresa Schortgen
    C. Continuing Education – Michele Chambers
    D. Ethics – Karen Poehailos
    E. Legislative – Sr. Renee Mirkes
    F. Membership – Shira Wise
    G. Nominating – Karen Hemingway
    H. Planning and Development – Eileen Sirois
    I. Program – Eileen Sirois
    J. Publications – Jamie Hobor
    K. Public Relations – Jeanne Karnath
    L. Resolutions – Theresa Schortgen
    M. Science and Research – Bob Chasuk
    N. Third Party Reimbursement
    O. Website Development and Maintenance – Holly Baril

IX. COMMISSION REPORTS
    A. Commission on Accreditation – Ann Prebil
    B. Commission on Certification – Elizabeth Kauffeld
    C. Commission on Fertility Care Centers of Excellence – Jeanice Vinduska
    D. Council on Quality Assurance – Kathy Rivet

X. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS REGARDING REPORTS

XI. DISCUSS NOMINATIONS FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE
    Karen Hemingway

XII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

XIII. CANDIDATE SPEECHES AND ELECTIONS

FRIDAY - JULY 21, 2017

I. PRESIDENT’S YEAR END REPORT
    Peter Danis

II. ANNUAL MEETING 2018
    presented at Closing Banquet

III. AWARDS
    presented at Closing Banquet

IV. ELECTION OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE
    Karen Hemingway
    A. Active members to represent Geographic Regions 1-5 and 6-9

V. NEW BUSINESS
    Peter Danis
    A. New Business
    B. Announce the results of balloting for Board of Directors

VI. INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
    Peter Danis

VII. RECITATION OF CODE OF ETHICS PLEDGE

VIII. THANKS TO RETIRING BOD & PARLIAMENTARIAN AND ADJOURNMENT

IX. ELECTION RESULTS

X. MEMBERSHIP SURVEY RESULTS

QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERSHIP
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We will be meeting in sunny southern California at the Doubletree Hotel, Ontario Airport, July 25-28, 2018.

The meeting will be held in conjunction with the Conference Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of Humanae Vitae. The AAFCP annual meeting will be held as a preconference to the larger event. Our meeting will begin Wednesday night. On Thursday, we will have a busy day that will include educational lectures/discussions related to the Creighton Model FertilityCare System and NaProTECHNOLOGY, Science and Research Forum, and both Business Meetings.

Then on Friday and Saturday, we will register and attend the Humanae Vitae Celebration at the Ontario Convention Center across the parking lot from our hotel. There we will join hundreds of others who have also been inspired by St. Pope Paul VI’s prophetic teaching. This conference will serve the continuing enrichment of those personally and professionally invested in the principles of Humanae Vitae and Natural Family Planning as well as be engaging those who may be unfamiliar with it. This is our opportunity as members of the AAFCP to network with engaged and married couples, single adults seeking integrated appreciation of sexuality, those active in ministry and formation programs including teen and young adult education, and staff and volunteers of Catholic parishes and dioceses. By actively engaging with these other organizations and attendees, we will be able to share the science and wisdom of the Creighton Model FertilityCare and NaProTECHNOLOGY with those who would not normally attend our Annual Meeting.

The total registration for both events will be similar to what you pay just for our annual meeting. High powered speakers have already committed to the Humanae Vitae Conference including Professor Janet Smith, Archbishop Cordileone, Patrick Coffin and George Weigel.

Make plans now so you that can participate in this historic event. You will leave inspired and equipped to embrace and integrate the vision of Humanae Vitae, the Creighton Model FertilityCare System, and NaProTECHNOLOGY as vital components of the New Evangelization!
The History of the AAFCP Shawl

The prayer shawl was made from monk’s cloth that is over 50 years old and was donated by Nancy Schultejohn, RN, CNFPP, at the Second Annual Meeting in St. Louis, Missouri in 1983 at the time of the induction of the first President of the Academy. This monk’s cloth had been in Nancy’s family. She lined the shawl by hand and has embroidered the President’s names and terms of office on it.

The History of the AAFCP Candlestick

PRESENTED BY
Nancy Spielman at the conclusion of her Presidency in 1985.

HISTORY
Commissioned by Nancy Spielman and hand crafted by a jeweler/craftsman of fine metals named “Silky” from Silver Dollar City in Branson, Missouri. Diane Daly began the custom of lighting a candle during Board meetings when she was President of the Academy from 1983-1984.

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