STANDARDS FOR Initial CERTIFICATION
For the Fertility*Care*™ MEDICAL CONSULTANT

After the St. John Paul II Fellowship
In Medical and Surgical NaProTechnology®
at the St. Paul VI Institute

BY THE

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FERTILITY*CARE* PROFESSIONALS

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CODE OF ETHICS

STANDARD 1.0 : THE CrMS MEDICAL CONSULTANT ACCEPTS AND ADHERES TO THE PRINCIPALS AND STANDARDS FOR PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE Fertility*Care*™ PROVIDER AS OUTLINED IN THE CODE OF ETHICS OF THE AMERICAN ACADEMY OF FERTILITY*CARE* PROFESSIONALS (AAFCP).

RATIONALE 1.1.1 : Professions shall have an ethical base to protect the consumer, the provider and the profession itself.

1.1.2 : Adherence to the principles and standards for professional conduct of the Fertility*Care*™ provider and the Code of Ethics of the Academy ensures that the Fertility*Care*™ service is delivered with the best interest of the client, the provider and the profession as the primary concerns.

ASSESSMENT 1.1.1 : Applicants shall submit a statement attesting to their agreement to accept and adhere to the Code of Ethics of the Academy.

1.1.2 : A letter of reference from the Director of the Fellowship Program attesting to the applicant's Fertility*Care*™ service shall be submitted.

EDUCATION PROGRAM

STANDARD 2.0 : THE APPLICANT for INITIAL CERTIFICATION after the ST. JOHN PAUL II FELLOWSHIP in MEDICAL and SURGICAL NaProTECHNOLOGY® WILL PROVIDE A COPY of CERTIFICATES or LETTERS of VERIFICATION of COMPLETION of the CrMS MEDICAL CONSULTANT EDUCATION PROGRAM AND THE FELLOWSHIP.

RATIONALE 2.1.1 : Graduation from the FELLOWSHIP at ST. JOHN PAUL II in Medical and Surgical NaProTechnology gives evidence of a level of knowledge and experience needed to enter the post-education program field service component for certification eligibility.

2.1.2 : Graduation from the Fellowship will have been within the last year in order to assure competency in current medical and surgical NaProTECHNOLOGY® in treating patients using the CREIGHTON MODEL SYSTEM.

2.1.3 : If graduation from the Fellowship will have been over a year, the applicant will use the Initial Application for Certification but will not have to take the exam as they will have been examined on exam materials in their Fellowship. This is to assure competency in current Medical NaPro**TECHNOLOGY**® in treating patients using the CREIGHTON MODEL SYSTEM.

ASSESSMENT 2.2.1 : A copy of Parts I, II, III, & IV results of the Final Examination as well as certificates or certifying letters verifying completion of the CrMS Medical Consultant education program and the fellowship program is submitted as a part of the application process.

MEDICAL CONSULTANT ACTIVITIES

STANDARD **3.0 :** **CERTIFICATION OF A Fertility*Care*™ MEDICAL CONSULTANT APPLIES ONLY TO THAT PORTION OF ACTIVITIES WHICH IS CONSISTENT WITH THE CREIGHTON MODEL Fertility*Care*™ System AND MEDICAL NaProTECHNOLOGY®**

RATIONALE 3.1.1 : The **CREIGHTON MODEL** is the core and foundational family planning system used in Medical and Surgical NaPro**TECHNOLOGY®**. Expertise in other models of natural family planning teacher education or service delivery does not ensure expertise in utilizing **CREIGHTON MODEL** services or medical NaPro**TECHNOLOGY®** services.

3.1.2 : The American Academy of FertilityCare Professionals only certifies medical activities related to the **CREIGHTON MODEL** Fertility*Care*™ System and medical NaPro**TECHNOLOGY®**.

ASSESSMENT 3.2.1 : The applicant must indicate on the application that they are utilizing **CREIGHTON MODEL** Fertility*Care*™ services and medical NaPro**TECHNOLOGY®** services.

3.2.2 : The applicant shall submit a statement attesting to the complete understanding that certification applies only to those activities relating to the utilization of **CREIGHTON MODEL** Fertility*Care*™ services and the provision of medical NaPro**TECHNOLOGY®**.

STANDARD **4.0 :** **If involved in an Academy accredited Fertility*Care*™ Education Program, THE MEDICAL CONSULTANT ADHERES TO THE CREIGHTON MODEL CORE CURRICULUM.**

RATIONALE 4.1.1 : The education program's core curriculum has been evaluated and found to be appropriate to quality education in the **CREIGHTON MODEL** Fertility***Care***™ System.

4.1.2 : It is important to adhere to the education program's core curriculum in order to maintain the integrity of the **CREIGHTON MODEL** Fertility***Care***™ System.

ASSESSMENT 4.2.1 : Documentation of use of the education program's core curriculum will be requested as part of the certification process.

4.2.2 : An evaluation will include a review of the use of the education program core curriculum with regard to adherence, content, format and appropriate use of teaching tools.

4.2.2.1 : A letter from the Program Director of the Fertility***Care***™ education program will be submitted as part of the application attesting to this compliance.

4.2.2.2 : At the discretion of the Commission on certification, an evaluation of the applicant may include an in-person evaluation by an individual approved by the Commission.

NaPro**TECHNOLOGY® PRACTICE**

STANDARD 5.0 : THE MEDICAL CONSULTANT DEMONSTRATES THAT HE OR SHE COMPETENTLY APPLIES CURRENT MEDICAL NaProTECHNOLOGY® IN TREATING PATIENTS USING THE CREIGHTON MODEL System.

RATIONALE 5.1.1 : NaProTECHNOLOGY® is an integral part of the complete **CREIGHTON MODEL** Fertility***Care***™ System.

5.1.2 : Clients using the CREIGHTON MODEL FertilityCare™ System often need medical care that integrates NaProTECHNOLOGY® with their own use of the CREIGHTON MODEL Fertility***Care***™ System.

5.1.3 : The primary purpose of certifying a natural family planning Medical Consultant as Fertility***Care***™ Medical Consultant is to help Fertility***Care***™ Practitioners and CREIGHTON MODEL clients and other women who may need or request these services to identify those physicians from whom they can receive competent and up-to-date services in medical NaProTECHNOLOGY® that fully integrate with their own ongoing use of the CREIGHTON MODEL Fertility***Care***™ System.

5.1.4 : NaProTECHNOLOGY® is a rapidly developing science, and it requires ongoing application to maintain competence in this area.

5.1.5 : It is recognized that different Medical Consultants will emphasize different aspects of NaProTECHNOLOGY® in their own practice, depending on their own primary medical specialty, and practice situation.

5.1.6 As in any form of medical care, it is recognized that the Medical Consultant has the right and responsibility to individually tailor the application of NaProTECHNOLOGY® to each specific patient situation.

ASSESSMENT 5.2.1 : Completion of the St. John Paul II Fellowship In Medical and Surgical NaProTECHNOLOGY® at the St. Paul VI Institute as documented on the certificate of completion fulfills this standard.

STANDARD 6.0 : THE MEDICAL CONSULTANT DEMONSTRATES THAT HE OR SHE WORKS SUPPORTIVELY WITH Fertility*Care*™ PRACTITIONERS.

RATIONALE 6.1.1 : Fertility***Care***™ Practitioners who refer clients to a Fertility***Care***™ Medical Consultant have a right to expect that care will be provided that is consistent with and supports the clients' primary use of the **CREIGHTON MODEL** Fertility***Care***™ System.

ASSESSMENT 6.2.1 : Documentation of a supportive cooperative relationship with a Fertility***Care***™ Practitioner shall be a part of the application process.

6.2.2 : As part of the application materials, the Academy will provide a form for evaluation of the relationship between the applicant and a Fertility***Care***™ Practitioner. The first part of this form will contain a release of information to be signed by the applicant before forwarding the form to a Fertility***Care***™ Practitioner. This form must be completed by a Fertility***Care***™ Practitioner and returned directly to the AAFCP Receipt of this form with both signatures (applicant and Practitioner) is required for the application to be complete.

6.2.3 : An assigned Certified FertilityCare Medical Consultant (ordinarily the same peer reviewer as assigned in Standard 5.0) shall review this form for adequacy of the relationship. If necessary, they may call the Fertility***Care***™ Practitioner to clarify items. The final determination of whether this standard is met is the responsibility of the peer reviewer. If this decision is negative, an appeal can be made to the COC Medical consultant subcommittee in conjunction with the COC chairperson. If the appeal is denied by the subcommittee, then the application is dead, and the applicant must wait at least 1 year before reinitiating the entire application process from the beginning.

6.2.4 : In cases where the applicant is both a Medical Consultant and a Fertility***Care***™ Practitioner, and the applicant has no meaningful interactions with any other Practitioner, the applicant may sign a section of the evaluation form

certifying that he or she serves the role of both Fertility*Care*™ Practitioner and Medical Consultant to his or her clients/patients.

6.2.5 : Documentation of the applicant's detailed experiential understanding of the work of a Fertility*Care*™ Practitioner shall be part of the application procedure. This documentation may be provided in one of two ways, described in 6.2.5.1 and 6.2.5.2. Only one of these steps is necessary.

6.2.5.1 : The applicant may demonstrate that he or she has successfully completed a Fertility*Care*™ Practitioner Education Program that is accredited by the Academy. A certificate of completion, or a letter from the Program Director indicating program completion shall meet this requirement.

6.2.5.2 : The applicant may submit a list of one introductory session and at least 5 follow-up sessions and 1 pregnancy evaluation session, or alternatively, 10 follow-up sessions that he or she has attended that were conducted by a Fertility*Care*™ Practitioner. This list should be submitted on a form supplied by the Academy, and must include the date of the session, the number of the follow-up or pregnancy evaluation, and the age and reproductive category of the client. Under no circumstances should name or other client-identifying information (e.g., telephone number, etc.) be submitted with this list. The list must also include the initials of the responsible Fertility*Care*™ Practitioner for each session attended.

LENGTH OF CERTIFICATION

STANDARD 7.0 : THE LENGTH OF THIS CERTIFICATION FOR A Fertility*Care*™ MEDICAL CONSULTANT WILL BE 7.0 YEARS.

RATIONALE

7.1.1 : Changes in the practice of NaPro**TECHNOLOGY®** and the **CREIGHTON MODEL** System occur periodically and it is important for the physician to keep up to date.

7.1.2 : By requiring certification on a regular period of time, this will mandate the physician to keep up to date with Fertility*Care*™ and medical NaPro**TECHNOLOGY®** practice components.

ASSESSMENT

7.2.1 : The Commission on Certification will determine the length of time for the initial certification of a Fertility*Care*™ medical consultant based upon the application and the performance and skills that it documents.

7.2.2 : A certificate shall be issued to the physician documenting the designation as a Fertility*Care*™ medical consultant. This certificate shall be time bound over a period of 7 years.