



APRIL '09 NEWSLETTER

Group News

New members

Eight more ladies have made contact with our group so far this year. Most of them found us via the website and some have posted notes on the forum. If you haven't already, please take a moment to say hi to:

[Rochelle](#)

[Jess](#)

[Kate](#)

[Gayle](#)



Other posts

I've also added a few new posts that you might be interested in:

[From POF to POI...?](#)

[How are your adrenals?](#)

[HRT in the news ... again](#)



New look website

Coming really soon, now. I've seen it and I think it looks great, with a few new pages. I'll let you know when it is (finally) there.



What's On

AOCOG/RANZCOG conference – March '09

“Women Well Into The Future”

They didn't cover POF or early menopause at this conference, but I did find two items of interest:

Dr Ernest Ng on acupuncture in IVF: “The effectiveness of acupuncture for the management of subfertility still remains elusive and controversial.”

Dr Andrew Shelling also attended to give “a general talk about genetics and O&G, and I will probably give a few POF examples along the way”. Good on you Andrew, for keeping POF on the agenda!



Australasian Menopause Society Congress – September '09

Some topics covered: Modern management of menopausal symptoms; surgical menopause; libido
<http://www.tourhosts.com.au/menopause09>



In the News

Ovary transplants

Felicity sent me an article about a British woman who has given birth to a baby girl after having an ovary transplant from her twin sister.

Read about this controversial new technique, being performed at the Infertility Centre of St Louis, at these links:

[Sky News](#) 15/11/08 (the original article)

[Time](#) 14/03/09 (more in-depth article)



Fertility Associates' new money back guarantee

Yes, they're so confident couples will have a baby after three cycles that they're giving a guarantee. Unfortunately they're not including DE IVF at this stage, but I've asked them if they'll be looking into it in the future, so here's hoping the answer's positive!

See [my post](#) on our forum for more.



Auckland & Waikato girls' lunch

Six of us from Auckland and Hamilton met at the Rangiriri Hotel yesterday, and we had a great afternoon. I've put a [write-up](#) on our forum and it'll be on the website soon.

For me, this is one of the best parts of belonging to this group: the chance to talk things through with other women who understand where I'm coming from. It's totally liberating!

If you'd like to try to meet up with other NZEM members in your area, let me know and I'll do my best to help.



Daisy Network membership

I've contacted this UK group to try to get a membership for us so we can receive their newsletters and catch up on what they've been doing.

It's a great organisation which we found out about through one of their patrons, Dr Andrew Shelling, the founder of our group!

I hope I'll be able to share these informative and encouraging newsletters with you all soon.

www.daisynetwork.org.uk



Fertility Society of Australia Conference – October '09 "Future Challenges in Fertility Treatment"

Some topics covered: Gamete donation; paying donors; egg freezing
<http://www.fsaconference.com>



New Resources

www.Obgyn.net

I'm receiving newsletters from this fantastic resource and I'll be sharing with you the articles they have that are relevant to this group's concerns. I hope you enjoy them.

Network 54 site

Laura wrote this to me not long ago:

"I'm a member of a great bulletin board on Network 54 called "Looking to be a mom through DE; have a look if you're interested; tight community of like-minded (mostly) women."

If you'd like to check it out, here is the [link to the forum](#)

If you know of a resource you think we'd all benefit from, please let me know.



Library books

No rush, but if you have any books from our library that you're finished with, please send them back to me so I can pass them on to others.

If you've lost my address, just send me an email!

