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.

1.	Your age (in years)	<27	27-28	29-3	0 31-	-32	>32
2.	Gender		Male		Femal	e	
3.	Current marital status		Single	Liv	ving wit	h Par	tner
			Married	l Sep	oarated/	Divo	orced
	If with partner/spouse	e, your p	oartner/sp	oouse ⁷	s age:		
	Partner/spouse's gend	ler?	Male	Fema	ale		
	Is partner/spouse also	a physi	ician	Yes	No		
4.	Do you have children?		Yes	No			
	If yes, how many chil						
	What are your childre	n's age	s?				
	Are any of your child	ren ado	pted?	No	Yes	If ye	es, 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 <u>first</u> child (or did you have your first child if you already have children)? ____

10. At what age (years), do you desire your <u>last child</u> (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 <u>slight</u> decrease in women's ability to become pregnant?

- 13. On average, at what age is there a <u>marked</u> 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 <u>your</u> level of agreement with the following:

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

	Completely			-	•	
			2		gree	
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						
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17. What is your field of residency:	nternal Med	licine	e Pedia	trics	Med-Peds	
18. What is your PGY (postgraduate year)?			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?				No		
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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.