One Last Chance for Pregnancy: A Review of 2,705 In Vitro Fertilization Cycles Initiated in Women Age 40 Years and Above

HOFFMAN ESTATES, Ill. – August 31 (SEND2PRESS NEWSWIRE) — Karande & Associates today announces the recently published article by Sigal Klipstein, MD in Fertility and Sterility entitled: “One last chance for pregnancy: a review of 2,705 in vitro fertilization cycles initiated in women age 40 years and above.” This investigation is the largest and most detailed ever published to look at fertility success rates within this population.

The study shows that, as women are waiting longer and longer to attempt pregnancy, they face a significant risk of infertility. While pregnancy rates in women aged 40-43 remain reasonable, success drops precipitously from age 44 years and on. By the end of the 45th year, there are virtually no in vitro fertilization pregnancies.

“Despite the evidence,” Dr. Klipstein states, “I see couples in my office every day who believe themselves to be excellent candidates for fertility therapy. Many of my 40+ patients have been misguided as to the facts of age and reproduction by the many optimistic media reports of women in their 40’s and 50’s who have children. The unspoken truth is that a great majority of these women have conceived using donor eggs.”

While many women in their early 40’s certainly have a good chance of conceiving, the message they should be hearing is DON’T WAIT. Many couples are advised by their friends and the healthcare profession that it takes time to become pregnant, and they should wait a year or more before seeking help. Waiting that year may cost them their last chance of having a baby using the woman’s own eggs.

The article can be found in length at

A review of this article written by Salynn Boyles for WebMD may be found at: http://my.webmd.com/content/article/110/109758.htm

This article was also reviewed by Reuter’s Health and featured on foxnews.com and msnbc.com. To view the article, please follow the link below: http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,166946,00.html

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