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Natural Procreative Technology for Treating Infertility

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TO THE EDITOR: As a family physician who has worked in the area of infertility for more than 20 years, I was pleased to read an article by two family physicians about the evaluation and treatment of infertility. Family physicians are on the front line of taking care of couples and supporting their future plans for children, and should have the knowledge and expertise to provide guidance to couples who are having problems conceiving.

The American Academy of Fertility Care Professionals is an organization of physicians, nurses, and other health professionals who teach couples to track their fertility using the Creighton Model FertilityCare System. Besides the United States, we have members in 19 other countries. Since 1978,

more than 649 physicians have been trained in the medical and surgical applications of natural procreative technology (<http://www.naprotechnology.com>). With proper training, physicians can diagnose and treat a variety of gynecologic and reproductive problems, including infertility. Two studies demonstrate the success that family physicians can have using this approach to help couples with infertility.^{1,2}

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EDITOR'S NOTE: This letter was sent to the authors of "Evaluation and Treatment of Infertility," who declined to reply. ■