

International Institute for Restorative Reproductive Medicine (IIRRM) Clinician Recognition Program

Purposes

- 1. To recognize physicians and other clinicians who are providing restorative reproductive medicine (RRM) care and encourage clinical excellence in RRM
- 2. Development and maintenance of a high standard of care for RRM
- 3. Support clinicians in their local environment by a recognition of their expertise in providing appropriate care in RRM
- 4. Maintain a list of clinicians actively providing high quality restorative reproductive health care, and following IIRRM code of ethics for patient referrals
- 5. To create a network of physicians, who can support and work with FABM/NFP teachers.

Benefits

- Distinguished recognition as a Recognized RRM Clinician by the IIRRM, which may be displayed on your website, professional listings, LinkedIn profile, email signature, curriculum vitae, and other professional credentials.
- 2. Receive a certificate from the International Institute for Restorative Reproductive Medicine, which can be displayed in your practice or online, showcasing your commitment to excellence in providing RRM care.
- 3. Gain exposure by having your contact information listed in the IIRRM public database of clinicians. This listing opens doors for patients actively seeking reliable RRM care, and educators searching to refer patients, expanding your reach within the RRM community.

General Process:

- 1. Start as a member in good standing in the IIRRM.
- 2. Complete an online application for Clinician Recognition through the IIRRM member portal, upload the requested supporting information (CME completed though the IIRRM does not need to have documentation submitted) and pay the application or renewal fee.
- 3. Reviewers authorized by the IIRRM or a member of the IIRRM Board will review your application to determine the criteria and qualifications for certification are met. Email communication may be used to clarify any of the items where necessary.
- 4. A certificate and recognition decision will be sent by email and updated in your online IIRRM account after determination is made.
- 5. A link to your public listing page will be sent for your review.

6. Recognition is valid for 3 years, and is renewed online through a simplified application form.

Requirements & Process

Initial Recognition

1. Baseline training in Restorative Reproductive Medicine, including medical applications of FABM(s)/NFP

The clinician should provide documentation of being trained and able to clinically understand and interpret at least one evidence-based fertility awareness or natural family planning charting method. We encourage clinicians to have familiarity with multiple methods.

In addition, clinicians must have completed and include supporting documentation of either A OR B below:

a. Formal training in medical applications of a NFP/FAB method or methods with basic course completion. This training should be CME-accredited or equivalent and include the use of FABM/NFP charting as a diagnostic tool with medical or surgical interventions that seek to support, restore, or optimize natural fertility. (Training only in how to teach the use of a method to couples, without medical interventions, does not meet this criterion).

Example of current courses that meet this criterion include:

- Billings Ovulation Method Medical Course
- CAMeN Physician Course
- Creighton Model NaProTechnology Medical Consultant Training
- FEMM/RHRI Medical Consultant Training
- Marguette Model Medical Training Course
- NeoFertility Clinician Course
- Others may be acceptable if reviewed and approved by the IIRRM

OR

 A minimum of 20 hours of continuing medical education in Restorative Reproductive Medicine and medical applications of NFP/FABM. Education must be CME-accredited scientific education.

Examples include:

- IIRRM annual meetings* (International Conference for RRM)
- IIRRM webinars* (<u>live</u> or recorded, including past meetings, <u>journal</u> <u>clubs</u>, <u>grand rounds</u>, <u>research updates</u> and <u>case discussions</u>)
- RRM Global Summit*
- Regional meetings and other CME accredited online education from <u>IRRMA</u>, <u>AIRRM</u>, and others
- CAMeN Association & IIRRM International Meeting for RRM*
- FEMM/RHRI courses
- European Institute of Family Life Education (EIFLE)
- AAFCP meetings
- FACTS CME courses
- Others may be acceptable if reviewed and approved by the IIRRM

*Any education provided, co-hosted, or endorsed by IIRRM in which IIRRM is the CME provider does not require supporting documentation.

2. Clinical Licensure.

The clinician should provide documentation of being licensed for clinical practice.

3. Current Membership.

The clinician must be a Regular Member of the IIRRM.

4. Documentation of Clinical Outcomes

The clinician must complete **one** of the **three** following:

- a. Provide acceptable evidence that they maintain a practice registry for their RRM patients, or participate in regular quality improvement (QI) projects or initiatives that systematically track clinically relevant outcomes, and that data or outcomes is made available to the public at reasonable intervals.
 - Publication of outcomes may occur through scientific publications, a report
 or website, or other publicly available means. The public release of data
 does not necessarily need to identify the clinician or their clinic
 individually: participating in a group registry that publishes combined data
 across clinicians or clinics can meet this criterion. However, the clinician
 must affirm that they personally review their own (or their clinic's own)
 data.

- 2. Quality improvement (QI) projects or clinic audit processes may also meet this requirement.
- 3. It is intended that for most clinicians, participation in the STORRM registry (Surveillance of Treatment and Outcomes in Restorative Reproductive Medicine) will meet this criterion, for clinicians who treat subfertility. However, other equivalent systems may be used upon approval by the IIRRM. For example, if a clinician does not treat couples with subfertility, but works in some other aspect of RRM, they may document how they maintain their own registry for a different domain of RRM. Additionally QI projects and reports documenting clinically relevant outcomes will meet this criterion.
- 4. At initial recognition, a well-documented plan to accomplish the above may be considered to meet this criterion. Renewal recognitions will require documentation of actual ongoing substantive engagement in a registry, or QI process.

OR

b. Submit a written case review. Instructions and a template for this can be downloaded here, or from the application page, and submitted with your application.

OR

c. Present a pre-reviewed case at an IIRRM or IRRMA Case discussion. A schedule of upcoming case discussions is available here. Please email kathleen@iirrm.org to schedule a date from the upcoming case dates listed.

7. Process & Application.

Submit an application online or by fax with all supporting documentation. Included in the application is a section to provide your practice information for the IIRRM online directory so patients and NFP/FABM teachers are able to contact or refer patients to your practice.

An initial application fee of \$150 USD will be required to fund the administrative and review work needed to maintain this program. Clinicians who reside in medium and lower GNI countries as defined by the world bank and UN, will pay an adjusted rate at checkout based on your country.

Renewal

Recognition must be renewed every 3 years through a simplified application available online through the IIRRM member portal (alternatively this form may be downloaded and faxed or emailed).

To maintain recognition clinicians must:

- 1. Be a current IIRRM member. If your membership has lapsed you can add your renewal to the clinician recognition renewal application.
- 2. Confirm any changes to practice information and licensure.
- 3. Complete at least 20 hours of continuing education in RRM every 3 years. This must be CME-accredited scientific education, and includes:
 - IIRRM annual meetings (International Conference for RRM)
 - IIRRM webinars* (<u>live</u> or recorded, including past meetings, <u>journal clubs</u>, <u>grand rounds</u>, <u>research updates</u> and <u>case discussions</u>)
 - RRM Global Summit*
 - Regional meetings and other CME accredited online education from <u>IRRMA</u>, <u>AIRRM</u>, and others such as the CAMeN Association & IIRRM International Meeting for RRM
 - Other continuing education in RRM, provided the content is CME-accredited, and submitted with supporting documentation (such as a certificate of participation or attendance, etc.) include:
 - 1. FEMM/RHRI courses
 - 2. European Institute of Family Life Education (EIFLE)
 - 3. AAFCP meetings
 - 4. FACTS CME courses
 - 5. CAMeN Physician Course/Continuing Education
 - 6. Other education may be acceptable if reviewed and approved by the IIRRM

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If you prepared and presented a IIRRM webinar, abstract or presentation at a IIRRM conference, you may claim twice the amount of credit for time spent

researching and preparing the educational material. For example if you present a 1 hour webinar you can claim an additional hour to equal 2 hours instead of 1.

- 4. Complete or maintain ONE of the following (required every 3 years):
 - A. Documentation of Clinical Outcomes, by providing acceptable evidence that the clinician maintains a practice registry for their RRM patients, systematically tracks clinically relevant outcomes, and that they make their data available to the public at reasonable intervals. Publication of outcomes may occur through scientific publications, a report or website, or other publicly available means. It is intended that for most clinicians, participation in the STORRM registry (Surveillance of Treatment and Outcomes in Restorative Reproductive Medicine) will meet this criterion, for clinicians who treat subfertility. However, other equivalent systems may be used. For example, if a clinician does not treat couples with subfertility, but works in some other aspect of RRM, they may document how they maintain their own registry for a different domain of RRM.

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- 5. There is a renewal fee of \$50 USD. Clinicians who reside in medium and lower GNI countries as defined by the world bank and UN, will pay an adjusted rate at checkout based on your country.

Notice of Potential Change and Updates:

Please be aware that the process and requirements of this program as outlined in this document are subject to periodic review and modification by the IIRRM (International Institute for Restorative Reproductive Medicine) Board of Trustees