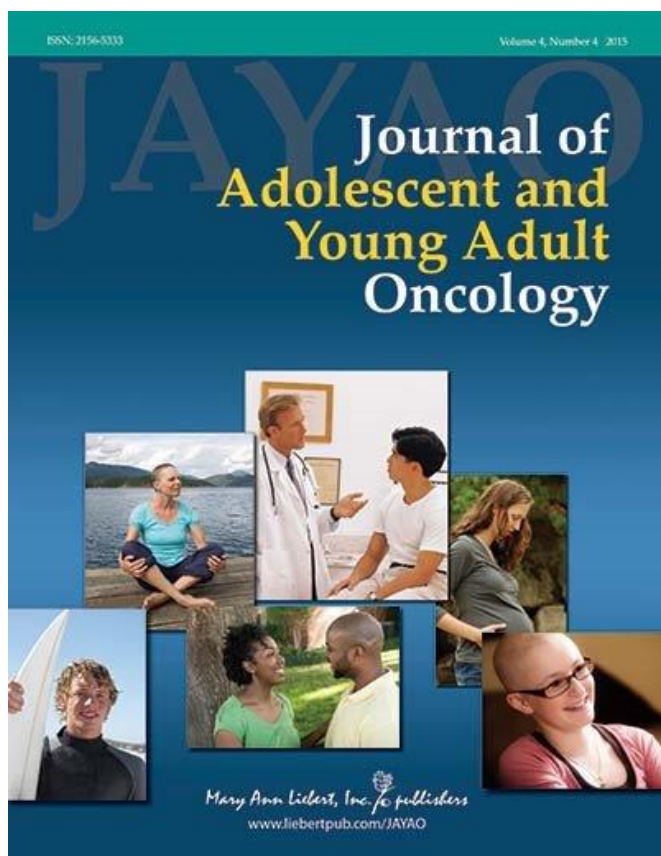


New research highlights fertility concerns of young adult and adolescent cancer survivors

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Nearly half of young adult survivors of adolescent cancers—more young men than women—report uncertainty about their fertility, according to the results of a new study. While females were more likely to describe feeling distressed and overwhelmed and tended to worry more about pregnancy-related health risks and cancer recurrence, both sexes had concerns about genetic risk factors and how infertility might impact their future lives, as described in the study published in *Journal of Adolescent and Young*

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In the article "Fertility Issues in Adolescent and Young Adult Cancer Survivors Catherine Benedict, PhD, Elyse Shuk, and Jennifer Ford, PhD, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY, evaluated the [fertility concerns](#) of 16-24 year olds who had been diagnosed with cancer between 14-18 years of age and were at least 6 months post-treatment. Fertility concerns focused on three main areas: dating and reactions of partners; health risks; and how potential infertility would affect their lives going forward. The researchers discuss strategies for more fully building fertility-related information and support services into survivorship care.

"The paper represents an important aspect of the adolescent and young adult [cancer](#) experience and highlights the important gaps in the delivery of care for this patient population" says Editor-in-Chief Leonard S. Sender, MD, University of California, Irvine and CHOC Children's Hospital, Orange, CA. "It is time to improve this care, and fertility preservation is a paramount concern.

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