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## **CORONAVIRUS: MAR, SUSPENSION OF NON URGENT TREATMENTS HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED**

**Document issued by the Italian National Transplant Centre (CNT) and the MAR Registry of the Italian Institute of Health: suspension of outpatient activities and gametes donation. Only urgent provisions are allowed.**

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The activity of assisted reproduction has to be reduced in order to contain the transmission of Covid-19 in Italy, as recommended by the Italian National Transplant Centre and the MAR Registry of the Italian National Institute of Health in a document issued jointly. CNT and the Registry ask MAR Centres to suspend all non urgent treatments, highlighting that such measures are to be intended as strictly technical and non binding, the latter being of regional competence.

The suspension of the activities refers both to gamete donation and MAR treatments, in general (including or not including reproductive cells donation): the interruption, as a precaution, has to be applied to those couples who have not started the pharmacological stimulation protocol or who are not considered as urgent cases, due to age or particular clinical conditions.

CNT and the MAR Registry encourage the centres to keep the activities of cryopreservation of gametes, aimed at preserving the reproductive capacity of oncological patients and those undergoing other kinds of treatments deemed toxic for the reproductive system.

The recommendations outline what has been recently expressed also by scientific societies of the field such as the Italian Society of Human Reproduction (Siru) and the Italian Fertility Sterility Society – reproductive medicine (Sifes-Mr) and the MAR Foundation Italy.

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