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Hello,

I am responding to the email about potential reproductive effects of hazardous drugs.

5 years ago I starting working in a private oncology setting. We mixed our own chemotherapy, under a hood. I also administered chemotherapy. We wore gowns and gloves to mix and only gloves to administer. I conceived a dtg 8 months after starting the job. I did not compound chemo when I was pregnant. I wore gloves when I administered and gloves/gown when I pushed chemo. I was on leave for 3 months, when I returned I continued to compound drugs and administer with only gloves. I breastfed only at night for another 2-3 months. My dtg is 4 yrs old now and so far healthy. She just got her first ear infection this fall. Developmentally she is on target. But...

2 yrs ago we started to try to conceive, I had 2 miscarriages, one at 8 weeks, one at 5 weeks. Our private practice merged with Dana Farber and we opened a satellite practice in Milford, MA. We no longer compounded our chemo and we always wear gloves and gowns when we administer. We also use the phaseal system. I conceived again in May of 2008, (4 months after no longer compounding) but I was put on progesterone. I continued to administer chemo using gloves/gowns and using the phaseal system. I delivered a week early. My daughter is healthy and is now 8 months old. I was on leave for 3 months, the baby was on bottles when I returned. Developmentally she is also on target.

I was never really worked up to say if I truly had a progesterone level problem or not. I hope the above helps. Please feel free to email me any further questions. I am currently 31 yrs old.

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