

Soundbite Script – Debunking the Infertility Myth

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“There was concern at first if that protein could possibly be causing an immune response from a lady who’s gotten the vaccine to fight against that placenta. That’s where that concern came and where it started. That’s been proven to not be the case and to not be true because we have not seen miscarriage rates go up; we have not seen infertility rates go up either since COVID has started or the vaccine has come into production.”

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“Although there has been no difference in death rate of people who are pregnant and get COVID-19, they can obviously have very serious consequences so we’d like to avoid that if we can. At this point, the vaccine benefits definitely outweigh the risks for anyone who’s pregnant.”

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“The recommendation with fertility treatments and getting the actual vaccine is either delay the vaccine or to possibly delay fertility treatments for another month, simply because we don’t want some of the side effects of the vaccine – some people get achiness, maybe a low grade fever – to be confused with signs that something could be happening in the fertility treatment that could cause problems. It’s not that the vaccine would cause an issue with the fertility treatments, but maybe some of the side effects could mask some of the side effects from the fertility treatments.”

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“If you have questions I always tell my patients, ‘that’s why I’m here,’ to answer those questions. If you have an upcoming appointment with your doctor and you hear things, write them down and bring them in. Most physicians are more than happy to go behind those myths, to explain to you the science behind it, to tell you what you want to know or need to know in order to make an informed decision.”