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Fertility

The first woman to give birth to a second baby after ovarian tissue transplant was featured in an *Associated Press* article I saw in the *Washington Post*: "[Woman 1st giving birth twice with ovary transplant](#)." Before receiving chemotherapy for bone cancer, Stinne Holm Bergholdt of Denmark had a portion of her ovary removed. Doctors transplanted a portion of that ovary after Bergholdt completed therapy a year later. The transplant took and Bergholdt now has two beautiful children. This is very encouraging news for women seeking to preserve fertility during cancer treatment.

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Cancer Strategy

An interesting *Forbes* article "[The Mathematics of Cancer](#)," highlights how Larry Norton, a leading breast oncologist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, and other scientists believe that by stopping cancer from spreading--instead of just multiplying--may lead to better and curative treatments. We touched on a similar topic in *Heal* with [Mutations & Math](#). Both are worth a look!

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Clinical Trials

This is a three-part series ([Target Cancer](#)) done by the *New York Times* looking at a clinical trial for a melanoma drug. It dives into the various aspects of being involved in a clinical trial--from the doctor and patient perspectives. I think it provided a great visual of the ups and downs of being involved in the clinical trials, the risk that everyone involved has to take, and the moments of despair when there's a failed outcome or the moment of triumph when the outcome is good. Each article is accompanied by a video, and there's a "Q&A on clinical trials" blog that the writer, Amy Harmon, moderates.

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Updates

A great resource for those who want to keep up with the latest in cancer findings is to sign up for the [National Cancer Institute Bulletin](#). Every issue has the latest findings from major scientific journals, in-depth articles, special reports, clinical trial information, legislative updates, and federal agency news. The latest bulletin includes research on hypofractionated radiation, kidney cancer, chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy, and more.

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