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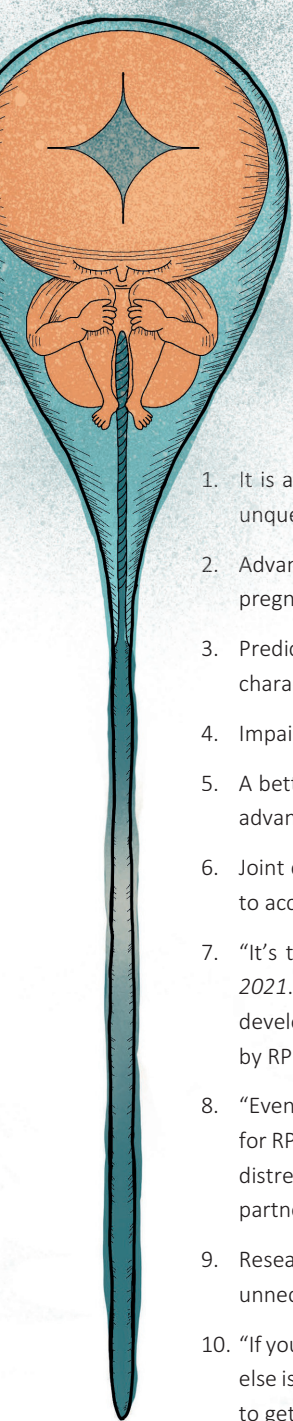
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STELLINGEN BEHOREND BIJ HET PROEFSCHRIFT GETITELD:

Seminal significance

The forgotten father in recurrent pregnancy loss

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1. It is about time to break with the misconception that recurrent pregnancy loss (RPL) is unquestionably a condition of female origin. *This thesis*
2. Advanced paternal age and paternal smoking are associated with an increased risk of pregnancy loss. *This thesis*
3. Predicting the chance of ongoing pregnancy after RPL improves when paternal characteristics are also taken into account. *This thesis*
4. Impaired immunomodulatory effects of seminal plasma may play a role in RPL. *This thesis*
5. A better understanding of immune modulation during pregnancy may also contribute to advances in organ transplant immunology. *This thesis*
6. Joint contributions of epidemiologic and basic science approaches provide a real chance to accelerate the pace of discovering new answers for patients with RPL. *This thesis*
7. "It's time to talk about men and miscarriage." – *Chantelle Pattemore in Men's Health, 2021*. Men do experience high psychological burden after pregnancy loss; we should develop supportive care services that meet the needs of both men and women affected by RPL.
8. "Even if an effective treatment is not (yet) available, the knowledge of contributory factors for RPL, prognostic implications for future pregnancy, acknowledgment of the trauma and distress felt, and the personal quest for answers, can be important for women and their partners." – *Modified from Coomarasamy et al., Lancet 2021*
9. Researchers should be enabled to focus on research instead of being distracted by unnecessary bureaucracy.
10. "If you only read the books that everyone else is reading, you can only think what everyone else is thinking." – *Haruki Murakami (1949-present), writer*. To gain new insights, you have to get off the beaten track.
11. "Nothing beautiful without struggle." – *Plato (427 BC-347 BC), philosopher*. After a tough climb, a descent is even more appreciated.
12. "It is the unknown around the corner that turns my wheels." – *Heinz Stucke (1940-present), long-distance cyclist, photographer and writer*. Curiosity is a great motivator on the bike, in research and in life.