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NCCN First-Ever U S GUIDELINES for RARE CANCERS ASSOCIATED With PREGNANCY

Treatment Preserving Fertility

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The NCCN Guidelines for GTN details Treatments for Several Variations of the Disease. For Molar Pregnancy (also known as a Hydatiform Mole, a Rare Mass that can form inside the Womb during Early Pregnancy, resulting in an Abnormal Fetus), Surgery is the first, and often only Treatment required. It is generally performed Via Suction Dilation and Curettage. Low-Risk GTN is primarily treated with Single-Agent Chemotherapy, although Additional Chemotherapy or Surgery may be required for Persistent Disease. With High-Risk GTN, Treatment typically involves Multi-Agent Chemotherapy, with Possible Radiation Therapy for Brain Metastasis. Surgery can be used for Chemotherapy-Resistant Disease.

Dr. Mutch was joined on the GTN Committee by John Lurain, III, MD, Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University and R. Kevin Reynolds, MD, University of Michigan Rogel Cancer Center. The Committee is a Subset of the Larger NCCN Guidelines Panel for Cervical, Uterine, and Vulvar Cancers, of which all three are Members.

The NCCN Guidelines for GTN bring the Total Number of NCCN Guidelines to 72. They are available Free-Of-Charge Online at NCCN.org or via the Virtual Library of NCCN Guidelines Mobile App for Smartphones and Tablets. NCCN Guidelines are the most Frequently-Updated Medical Guidelines in the World, with New Versions released at least once a year, and more often as needed. These Evidence and Expert Consensus-Based Guidelines are Downloaded Millions of Times a Year by Oncologists and other Clinicians Worldwide.

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