Supporting unique cases of ovarian tumor within a comprehensive fertility preservation program

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Introduction

- Ovarian tissue cryopreservation (OTC) is the only available fertility preservation method for prepubertal patients and patients who cannot delay treatment¹
- Research is limited regarding offering
 OTC in setting of primary ovarian tumor or ovarian metastasis
- Cryopreserved ovarian tissue may pose some risk of reseeding malignancy^{2,3}, however, there is demonstrated patient interest in fertility preservation in cases of ovarian tumor⁴
- These cases describe **OTC** in setting of pediatric ovarian tumor and metastasis

Purpose

- To discuss two cases of ovarian tumor (primary and secondary) in pediatric patients undergoing OTC
- To describe and outline approach to fertility preservation and OTC in patients with unique cases of ovarian tumor

Methods

- Laparoscopic right oophorectomy performed in 4-year-old prepubertal girl with primary ovarian Sertoli-Leydig cell tumor and DICER1 variant and 13-year-old pubertal girl with metastatic ovarian rhabdomyosarcoma following appropriate fertility preservation counseling
- Bisected ovary section of 4-year-old girl and punch biopsy of ovary of 13-year-old girl examined by pathology and processed for cryopreservation

Results

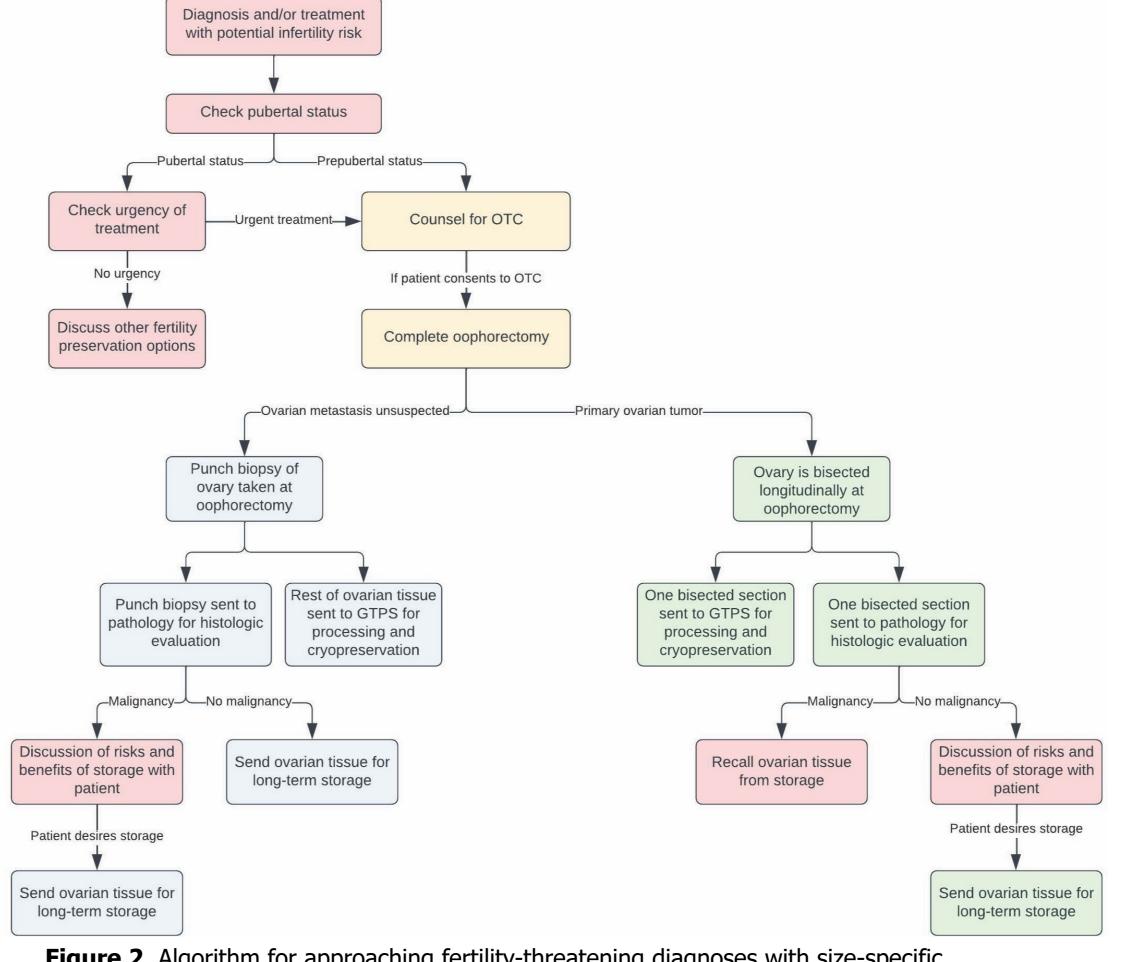
Case One: Primary Ovarian Sertoli-Leydig Tumor

- No residual tumor identified on bisected ovary specimen in 4-year-old patient
- After extensive discussion, family opted to store cryopreserved tissue for future use knowing risks and options for use of tissue

Case Two: Ovarian Metastasis in Rhabdomyosarcoma

- Germ cell-containing follicles and unknown metastasis of rhabdomyosarcoma identified on 4mm punch biopsy in 13-year-old patient
- After extensive discussion, family opted to store cryopreserved tissue knowing risks and potential future fertility preservation technologies to safely utilize tissue

Discussion



Conclusion

Figure 2. Algorithm for approaching fertility-threatening diagnoses with size-specific considerations for biopsy sent to pathology for histologic evaluation.

- Incorporating OTC alongside standard of care for all patients with fertilitythreatening diagnoses, including ovarian tumor
- Routine pathology alongside oophorectomy to identify ovarian metastasis and inform future tissue use
- Thorough discussions with patients and families required prior to decision of long-term storage, especially in diagnoses involving ovary
- Necessity and importance of OTC and flexibility of multidisciplinary team in setting of fertility preservation







Figure 1. Gross images of right ovary of 4-year-old patient.(A) Right ovary after removal during unilateral oophorectomy.(B) Right ovary bisected longitudinally with one section sent to pathology.

- Individual diagnoses determined size of sufficient tissue for histologic evaluation (Figure 2)
- For presumed normal ovaries, **punch biopsy** recommended for pathology prior to OTC processing in case of discovery of **metastasis**
- For primary ovarian tumors, bisected ovary recommended for pathology prior to OTC processing to decrease likelihood of using malignant tissue in future
- Both patients chose cryopreservation of tissue
- Advancements in re-implantation of ovarian tissue, in vitro maturation, or in vitro fertilization indicate viability of future tissue usage even with ovarian malignancy

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