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The objective of this interview is to question cancer survivors regarding their fertility and any pregnancies they may have experienced. The study sample will be female cancer survivors who had cancer in the pre-menopausal phase of life.

1. When were you diagnosed with cancer?
2. How would you describe your financial status when you were diagnosed with cancer?
Did your financial status change as you underwent treatment?
3. Describe how you felt when you were first diagnosed with cancer. What were your main concerns you had when you found out? (e.g. quality of life, finances, loved one's reactions, etc.)
4. How would you describe your relationship status at the time of diagnosis? (e.g. Married, Single, Divorced, etc.)
5. Please explain how you felt about having children in the future before and after the diagnosis.
6. What type of treatment or treatments did you receive?
7. How would you describe your doctor's or oncologist's explanation of future fertility issues after treatment?
8. Did your financial status have an effect on your decision to pursue fertility preservation options? Why or why not?

9. What fertility options, if any, do you know of or have already used? (e.g. In-vitro fertilization, ovarian cryopreservation, etc.)
10. Do you have any comments to add regarding the topics we've discussed?

We will access this sample by contacting individuals through social media to monitor whether or not they fit the inclusion criteria, as well as ask if they would like to participate. This interview will be conducted either face-to-face or over the phone. We will begin contacting individuals on March 26th, 2018. This is a semi-structured interview. We intend to ask all the structured questions, but will also allow the participant to expand on these questions and add their own comments as they feel necessary. We chose to do so because fertility is a sensitive, sometimes emotional topic and the personalization will allow us to gain a deeper understanding of the participant's experiences and feelings.