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Dr. Sweet celebrates 2500 pregnancies at his practice with 3 New Valentines
SRMS to Celebrate 2500th Pregnancy with Special March for Babies in SW Florida

FORT MYERS (February 12, 2018) – Craig R. Sweet, M.D., opened up the doors of his private practice Specialists in Reproductive Medicine & Surgery, P.A. (SRMS), Fort Myers, Florida in September 1991, almost 3 decades ago. This year he is celebrating his 2500th pregnancy.

Selamawit (Selam) Abraha was SRMS' 2500th pregnancy just bringing her triplets home this month. She and her husband, Dr. Yeneneh (Yen) Desta, were married in 2014 and decided to begin their family shortly after moving to SW Florida. On Thanksgiving day in 2017, their family grew to five with the birth of their two baby boys, Amen and ZeRaguel and their little girl, Wengel. The babies were delivered at 31 weeks gestational age and received excellent care at the HealthPark NICU for the following 10 weeks, but now are home in time for Valentine's Day.

"Once we were referred to Dr. Sweet, he looked at all of the options and In Vitro Fertilization was the best suited for us. I had always dreamed of having four children while my husband hoped for at least two children and thanks to Dr. Sweet, we were able to meet in the middle. Dr. Sweet transferred two embryos and one split and we were overjoyed to have three children, completing our family," said Selam.

"We feel blessed to have such a wonderful team of doctors that worked with us throughout the process. Dr. Sweet followed the pregnancy in the early months and then Selam was followed closely by her Lee Physician Group OB/GYN, Dr. Jeannette Lopiano and Dr. Mark Williams with Maternal and Fetal Medicine of Southwest Florida. It was a seamless process and one that allowed Selam to have a smooth pregnancy and for us to welcome three healthy children to our family on Thanksgiving Day, my favorite day of the year. We certainly have much to be grateful for this year," said Yen

"This is certainly an amazing milestone for the practice," said Dr. Sweet. "We are excited to share the story of Selam and Yen as our 2500th pregnancy in the hope that it will inspire others to pursue their dreams of building their family, regardless of the obstacles we must overcome. There are so many stories over the past 27 years, but Salem and Yen are certainly one of the special stories that remind us why we do what we do year after year," said Dr. Sweet.

As of the 2500th pregnancy, 79% of the delivered babies have been singletons, 19% twins, 2% triplets and .1% quads with 51% girls and 49% were boys. "We've calculated we had almost 13,000 lbs. of baby delivered," explained Dr. Sweet.

Dr. Sweet is focused on individual care and looking at the best options available for his patients. Every situation is unique, but as of the 2500th pregnancy these are some of the statistics: Nearly half of all the pregnancies come from Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ART). Approximately 1 in 4 came from intrauterine insemination (IUI) procedures, approximately 1 in 6 pregnancies resulted from correcting the patient's medical conditions with 1 in 10 arising from surgical care.

Dr. Sweet is also a proud supporter of the March of Dimes of Southwest Florida and is partnering with them to commemorate this important milestone. The 2500th pregnancy was confirmed in April of 2017. In April of 2018, Dr. Sweet and his staff hope to bring together decades of his families, each with their own special story to tell, walking in the March of Dimes' March for Babies, in support of moms and babies starting from preconception to post-delivery. They will join thousands of people from across the area at Centennial Park in downtown Fort Myers who share in their commitment to support the March of Dimes and help moms and babies in SW Florida for generations to come.

About SRMS: Specialists in Reproductive Medicine & Surgery is a reproductive endocrinology and infertility practice. Dr. Sweet, a reproductive endocrinologist, has received national recognition for his work in reproductive medicine, including work in cryopreserved embryo abandonment and embryo donation. He is board certified in both the specialty of obstetrics and gynecology as well as the subspecialty of reproductive endocrinology and infertility.

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