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Chorioamnionitis, an intrauterine infection, affects many pregnancies already complicated by preterm premature rupture of membranes. The authors assess how C-reactive protein levels might play a role in predicting chorioamnionitis.

665 Research Funding at Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine in the United States

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673 The Role of Social Networking Web Sites in Influencing Residency Decisions

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Do social networking Web sites influence crucial decisions regarding the selection of graduate medical education programs? The authors report the results of their electronic survey of medical trainees.

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680 Combined Manual Therapy Techniques for the Treatment of Women With Infertility: A Case Series

Mary Ellen Kramp, DPT, CLT-LANA

In this case series, 6 of 10 previously infertile women were able to conceive after receiving manual therapy to the pelvic region. The author proposes that manual therapy techniques used to release fascial restrictions, to mobilize tight ligaments, and to drain congested lymphatics in other areas of the body be applied to the reproductive system.

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