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Dear Dr Apgar:

I enjoyed seeing you on Phil Donahue's show last week and especially enjoyed the warm way you related to everyone.

I am writing for your opinion as to the advisability of my getting pregnant. I know its difficult to offer advice without seeing a patient, but I will be grateful for any information you can give.

I have been in school for what seems like 100 years and am completing my PhD in counseling so I have not thought about having a child until

now. I will be 33 years old in November and am a mild diabetic. One doctor told me I had an extremely small pelvis and delivery would be difficult. My husband has an extremely low sperm count — 9 million. Also, I have been treated with radioactive iodine for thyroid cancer after a thyroidectomy last year. There is no evidence of malignancy now, however.

Being a psychologist, I have worked with many brain-damaged children and I feel my husband and I have a lot going against us to conceive a child. Perhaps we ought to go ahead and adopt.

Again, I know its difficult to offer advice without seeing me; but both my husband and I will appreciate anything you can tell us. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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