



A Haunted House - but it's just the fact that 50% of RPL cases are still unexplained.



PAIL Awareness

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss (PAIL) Awareness Month. It's an annual reminder to recognize and honor the unique grief experienced by families who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth or the loss of an infant.

This year for PAIL, we have created the "ABC's of RPL" which we have been sharing daily on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#). These posts have been generating a lot of engagement and discussion, so we encourage you to check them out.



Research Presented at ASRM 2024

The annual American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM) Conference took place in Denver this week. Board members Megan Hanson and Ron Librizzi represented RPLA.

This year was particularly exciting as our 2022 RPLA grant recipient, Dr. Tsegasselassie Workalemahu, presented results from his [project exploring inherited genetic variants and unexplained RPL](#).

Dr. Workalemahu's study identified inherited genomic regions in the placenta that contribute to stillbirth. It also identified genomic regions that are implicated in *in utero* development, pregnancy loss, and infertility which warrant further investigation.

Dr. Workalemahu plans to validate his results using a larger number of families. His hope is that eventually this information could be used in things like prenatal cell-free DNAs screenings to identify patients who may need higher levels of monitoring.



RPLA on "Baby or Bust" Podcast

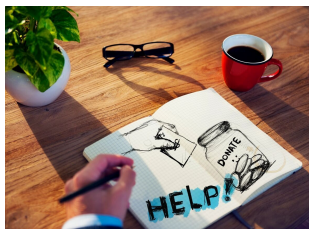
Megan Hanson had the honor of being a guest on Dr. Lora Shahine's podcast "*Baby or Bust*" which aims to destigmatize infertility and miscarriage.

In the episode, titled "*The Future of Miscarriage Treatment*", Dr. Shahine and Megan discuss challenges in miscarriage research and the need to raise awareness about how many women are impacted by recurrent miscarriage. Megan shares her personal journey with recurrent miscarriage, IVF, and gestational surgery, and the emotional toll all of this had on her path to parenthood.



Support Group October 28

Our next RPL Support Group is Monday, October 28th at 8pm Eastern. This peer-led group is virtual and free to join for anyone struggling with recurrent pregnancy loss. [Register here](#) to receive the Zoom information.



We Need Your Help!

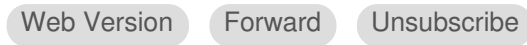
Our annual campaign kicks off next month and **we need your help**. We rely on dollars from our annual campaign to fund next year's RPL Research Grant. **We are looking for volunteers willing to be on our campaign team, by creating a personal page on the Givebutter platform** (see [2023 example](#)).

Email megan@rplassociation.org if you are interested. It's a fun way to get involved with the organization and contribute to RPL research.

Sincerely,
The RPLA Board of Directors



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