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British Fertility Society

The Subfertility and Reproductive Endocrinology and Assisted Conception Courses

Joint RCOG/BFS (British Fertility Society) Meetings

Monday 27 April to Friday 1 May 2009

The Subfertility and Reproductive Endocrinology Course

Why Attend?

- Gain a comprehensive overview of subfertility and reproductive endocrinology
- Hear the about the latest developments in this rapidly developing area
- **Attendance** on the course fulfils the theoretical element of the subfertility and reproductive endocrinology ATSM
- **Claim** up to 15 CPD points for full attendance at this course

Assisted Conception Course

Why Attend?

- **Consider** of the work-up of female and male partners
- **Management** in an assisted conception unit, including the role of the regulator(s)
- **Ethical** issues in assisted conception
- **IUI and IVF techniques**, laboratory aspects and clinical protocols
- **Limitations** and complications of assisted reproductive technology
- **Controversial** issues in ART – PGS, PGD and gametes donation

Venue: Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London

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Monday 27 - Wednesday 29 April 2009

OVERVIEW

This is a clinical update meeting aimed at all clinicians involved in the management of the subfertile couple and reproductive endocrinology. It also provides the theoretical element for those studying the advanced training skill module "subfertility and reproductive endocrinology". As well as providing a comprehensive overview of the subject, the speakers have been chosen to provide the latest information in this rapidly developing area.

Who Should Attend?

This is an educational meeting aimed at SpRs, consultants, associate specialists and doctors working in the UK and abroad. It will also be suitable for nurse specialists, and elements are suitable for counsellors and GPs with a special interest in fertility issues.

Course Organisers: Mr Masoud Afnan FRCOG, Birmingham
Dr Luciano G. Nardo, Manchester

BFS Training Subcommittee: Mr Valentine Akande, Bristol
Dr Christina Chi Ding, Liverpool
Mrs Helen Kendrew, Bath
Mrs Alison McTavish, Aberdeen
Ms Carol Wilson

Convenor of Meetings: Professor Basky Thilaganathan FRCOG, London

PROGRAMME

Monday 27 April

9.00am **REGISTRATION and REFRESHMENTS**

9.25am **Welcome and introduction**

Mr Masoud Afnan, Consultant Gynaecologist, Birmingham Women's Hospital

Dr Luciano G. Nardo, Consultant in Surgery and Reproductive Medicine, St Mary's Hospital, Manchester

SESSION I: EPIDEMIOLOGY

Chair: Mr Masoud Afnan

9.30am **Epidemiology of infertility**

Professor Fulco Van der Veen, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Centre for Reproductive Medicine, Academic Medical Centre, Amsterdam

10.10am **The initial assessment of the female**

Mr Michael Booker, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Family Care Department, Mayday University Hospital, Croydon

10.50am **The semen analysis and other sperm function tests**
Dr Allan Pacey, Senior Lecturer in Andrology, University of Sheffield

11.20am **REFRESHMENTS**

SESSION II: EXCHANGE LECTURE: 'BEST CLINICAL PAPER', FERTILITY SOCIETY OF AUSTRALIA MEETING

Chair: Mr Tony Rutherford, Consultant in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, Leeds

11.40am **PCOSMIC – PCOS, Metformin for infertility with clomiphene: A RCT**
Professor Neil Johnson, Associate Professor of Reproductive Medicine, University of Auckland, New Zealand

12.20pm **LUNCH**

SESSION III: TUBAL DISEASE

Chair: Dr Luca Sabatini, Consultant in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, The Reproductive Medicine Centre, St Bartholomew's Hospital

1.20pm **Assessment of tubal patency**
Mr Masoud Afnan

1.50pm **The management of tubal infertility**
Professor Tin-Chiu Li, Professor of Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield

2.30pm **REFRESHMENTS**

SESSION IV: ANOVULATION

Chair: Dr Luciano G. Nardo

3.00pm **Polycystic Ovary Syndrome**
Professor Adam Balen, Professor of Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

3.30pm **Anovulation, excluding PCO**
Dr Gerry Conway, Consultant Endocrinologist, Middlesex Hospital

4.00pm **Ovulation induction**
Professor Stephen Franks, Professor of Reproductive Endocrinology, Institute of Reproductive and Developmental Biology, Imperial College, Hammersmith Hospital, London

4.30pm **DRINKS RECEPTION**

5.00pm **CLOSE of DAY ONE**

Tuesday 28 April

SESSION V: ENDOMETRIOSIS AND UTERINE FACTOR

Chair: Mr Valentine Akande, Consultant, Bristol Centre for Reproductive Medicine and Division of Women's Health, Southmead Hospital Bristol

- 9.30am **Infertility and endometriosis**
Mr Stephen Kennedy, Head of Department, Clinical Reader and Honorary Consultant, Nuffield Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford
- 10.00am **The diagnosis and management of uterine abnormalities and infertility**
Dr Yakoub Khalaf, Consultant and Director of Assisted Conception Unit, Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital Foundation Trust, London
- 10.30am **Implantation**
Miss Siobhan Quenby, Consultant and Reader in Reproductive and Developmental Medicine, Liverpool Women's Hospital
- 11.00am **REFRESHMENTS**
- 11.30am **VICTOR BONNEY PRIZE LECTURE**
Disorders of Sexual Development - Where, when and how?
Professor Adam Balen
- 12.30pm **LUNCH**

SESSION VI: UNEXPLAINED INFERTILITY

Chair: Dr Dimitrios Nikolaou, Consultant in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, Assisted Conception Unit, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, London

- 1.30pm **Cervical factors and the postcoital test**
Professor Fulco van der Veen
- 2.00pm **The management of unexplained infertility**
Professor Siladitya Bhattacharya, Professor of Reproductive Medicine, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Aberdeen Maternity Hospital
- 2.30pm **REFRESHMENTS**

SESSION VII: CONTROVERSIES

Chair: Dr Lisa Webber, Consultant Gynaecologist and Specialist in Reproductive Medicine, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, London

- 3.00pm **Controversies in immune factors in infertility**
Dr Raj Rai, Consultant in Reproductive Medicine, St Mary's Hospital, London
- 3.30pm **Controversies in lifestyle issues in infertility**
Professor William Ledger, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Reproductive and Development Medicine, The Jessop Wing, University of Sheffield
- 4.00pm **CLOSE of DAY TWO**

Wednesday 29 April

SESSION VIII: ETHICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ISSUES

Chair: Dr Gillian Lockwood, Medical Director, Midland Fertility Services, Aldridge

9.30am **Ethical issues in the care of the infertile couple**

Dr Gillian Lockwood

10.00am **Psychological issues in infertility**

Dr Jacky Boivin, Senior Lecturer, School of Psychology, Cardiff University

10.30am **Treatment of patients with HIV or Hepatitis**

Dr Carole Gilling-Smith, Medical Director, The Agora Gynaecology and Fertility Centre, Brighton

11.00am **REFRESHMENTS**

SESSION IX: MEDICOLEGAL ASPECTS

Chair: Mr Amit Shah, Consultant, Homerton Fertility Centre, Homerton Hospital, London

11.40am **The lawyer's perspective**

Mr James Lawford-Davies, Senior Associate, Clifford Chance, London and Lecturer, Newcastle University

12.10pm **The doctor's perspective**

Mr Masoud Afnan

12.40pm **LUNCH**

SESSION X: EVIDENCE BASED MEDICINE

Chair: Mr Masoud Afnan

1.40pm **Evidence based medicine and reproductive medicine**

Dr Arri Coomarasamy, Clinical Senior Lecturer, Birmingham Women's Hospital

2.20pm **Generating the evidence – designing clinical trials in reproductive medicine**

Professor Siladitya Bhattacharya

2.50pm **REFRESHMENTS**

SESSION XI: TRAINING IN REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE

Chair: Dr Lisa Webber

3.20pm **Training in reproductive medicine**

Dr Christina Chi Ding, Subspecialist Registrar in Reproductive Medicine, Liverpool Women's Hospital

SESSION XII: OPEN FLOOR FOR QUESTIONS

3.50pm **Discussion**

Dr Luciano G. Nardo

Mr Masoud Afnan

4.50pm **CLOSE of DAY THREE**

Assisted Conception Theoretical Course

Joint RCOG/BFS (British Fertility Society) Meeting

Thursday 30 April - Friday 1 May 2009

OVERVIEW

Assisted conception continues to face rapid developments clinically and scientifically. The topics and the speakers have been carefully chosen in order to offer the most relevant and evidence-based information. This specialist course complements the joint BFS/RCOG training course on "Subfertility and Reproductive Endocrinology". The first day will cover IUI and the second day will focus on IVF-ICFI.

Who Should Attend?

This comprehensive 2-day theoretical course is aimed at all professionals involved in assisted conception and those planning to cultivate a special interest in the field.

Course Organiser: Dr Luciano G. Nardo, Manchester

BFS Training Subcommittee: Mr Valentine Akande, Bristol
Dr Christina Chi Ding, Liverpool
Mrs Helen Kendrew, Bath
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PROGRAMME

Thursday 30 April - IUI

9.00am **REGISTRATION and REFRESHMENTS**

9.25am **Welcome and introduction**
Dr Luciano G Nardo, Manchester

SESSION I

Chair: Dr Luciano G Nardo

9.30am **Work-up of the woman prior to assisted conception**
Dr Joo Thong, Consultant in Reproductive Medicine, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary

10.00am **Work-up of the man prior to assisted conception**
Dr Willem Ombet, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, ZOL, Genk, Belgium

10.30am **Quality management system in an IVF unit**
Mr Enda McVeigh, Consultant Gynaecologist and Medical Director, Oxford Fertility Unit,
John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford

11.00am **REFRESHMENTS**

SESSION II

- 11.30am **The role of the statutory regulator**
Mr Mark Hamilton, Consultant Gynaecologist and Obstetrician, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Aberdeen Maternity Hospital
- 12.00pm **Practical ethical aspects in assisted conception**
Dr Françoise Shenfield, Clinical Lecturer, Reproductive Medicine Unit, University College Hospital London, Member of Ethics and Law Taskforce, ESHRE and Ethics Committee, FIGO
- 12.30pm **Patients' support groups**
Mrs Clare Lewis-Jones, Chief Executive, Infertility Network UK
- 1.00pm **LUNCH**

SESSION III

Chair: Mr Masoud Afnan

- 2.00pm **WILLIAM BLAIR BELL MEMORIAL LECTURE**
Feto-maternal dialogue in very early pregnancy: A possible role of Inhibin-A and Activin-A in early pregnancy failure
Dr Alka Prakash, Subspecialty Trainee in Reproductive Medicine, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge
- 3.00pm **Clinical aspects of IUI**
Mr Valentine Akande
- 3.30pm **Laboratory aspects of IUI**
Dr Iwan Lewis-Jones, Consultant Clinical Andrologist, Hewitt Centre for Reproductive Medicine, Liverpool Women's Hospital
- 4.00pm **REFRESHMENTS**

SESSION IV

Chair: Mr Dimitrios Nikolaou

- 4.30pm **Predicting markers of ovarian response to stimulation**
Dr Luciano G. Nardo
- 5.00pm **Strategies for controlled ovarian hyperstimulation**
Professor William Ledger
- 5.30pm **Prevention and management of ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome**
Dr Raj Mathur, Consultant, Department of Reproductive Medicine, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge
- 6.00pm **DRINKS RECEPTION**
- 6.30pm **CLOSE of DAY FOUR**

Friday 1 May – IVF - ICSI

8.50am **Welcome and Introduction**
Dr Luciano G. Nardo

SESSION V

Chair: Mr Amit Shah

9.00am **Surgical sperm retrieval techniques**
Dr Rafet Gazvani, Consultant Gynaecologist, Department of Reproductive Medicine,
Liverpool Women's Hospital

9.30am **Laboratory aspects - gamete preparation and embryo culture**
Mrs Rachel Cutting, Principal Embryologist, Sheffield Centre for Reproductive Medicine and
Fertility, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

10.00am **IVF techniques and embryo transfer procedures**
Mr Yakoub Khalaf

10.30am **REFRESHMENTS**

SESSION VI

11.00am **Oocyte cryopreservation**
Dr Gillian Lockwood

11.30am **Oocyte IVM**
Mr Tim Child, Consultant Gynaecologist and Subspecialist in Reproductive Medicine,
Nuffield Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford

12.00pm **Oocyte donation and oocyte sharing programmes**
Dr Alison Taylor, Consultant, The Lister Fertility Clinic, London

12.30pm **LUNCH**

SESSION VII

Chair: Mr Valentine Akande

1.30pm **CGH in Modern Assisted Conception**
Dr Simon Fishel, Managing Director, CARE Fertility, CARE Nottingham

2.00pm **Clinical aspects of PGD and PGS**
Dr Luca Gianaroli, Italy

2.30pm **Factors affecting the success rate of assisted conception**
Professor Siladitya Bhattacharya

3.00pm **REFRESHMENTS**

SESSION VIII

Chair: Miss Sara Matthews, Medical Director, Assisted Conception Unit, Homerton Foundation University NHS Hospital Trust, London

- 3.30pm **Information technology aspects in an IVF unit**
TBC
- 4.00pm **Setting up a successful assisted conception unit**
Mr Charles Kingsland, Consultant, Liverpool Women's Hospital
- 4.30pm **Concluding remarks**
- 4.45pm **CLOSE of MEETING**

Sponsorship and Exhibitor Opportunities

There are a wide range of sponsorship and exhibition opportunities available at this meeting, from sponsorship of the entire meeting, through to exhibition stands.

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Please contact Jessica Letters for further information and to discuss the packages available:

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| Full Conference <i>(27 April - 1 May ONLY)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> £625 (£543.48 + VAT) |
| Subfertility and Reproductive Endocrinology Course ONLY <i>(27 April - 29 April ONLY)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> £450 (£391.30 + VAT) |
| Assisted Conception Course ONLY <i>(30 April - 1 May ONLY)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> £360 (£313.04 + VAT) |
| | after 9/03/2009 |
| Full Conference <i>(27 April - 1 May ONLY)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> £675 (£586.96 + VAT) |
| Subfertility and Reproductive Endocrinology Course ONLY <i>(27 April - 29 April ONLY)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> £500 (£434.78 + VAT) |
| Assisted Conception Course ONLY <i>(30 April - 1 May ONLY)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> £410 (£356.52 + VAT) |

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GENERAL INFORMATION and TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Venue

RCOG, 27 Sussex Place, Regent's Park, London NW1 4RG. Tel: 020 7772 6200

Train: Marylebone Station - 10 minutes walk

Underground: Baker Street - 10 minutes walk

Parking: Regent's Park Outer Circle (pay and display), NCP on corner of Park Road and Rossmore Road, Tel: 0870 242 7144 for further information.

Fee and payment

The registration fee for full attendance is £625 (£543.48 +VAT) for all registrations postmarked before or on Monday 9 March 2009 and thereafter is £675 (£586.96 +VAT). All retired Fellows and Members of the RCOG are entitled to a 50% discount in the registration fee (please state if you are retired at the time of booking). The fee includes coffee, lunch, tea and admission to the lectures, any technical exhibition and drinks reception (where applicable) *for the registrant only*. You will receive confirmation of your registration within 14 days of receipt of your payment at the conference office. **Please note that you are not guaranteed a place until you receive this confirmation.** If applying after Monday 13 April 2009, you should telephone 020 7772 6245 to confirm that a place is available before posting your application form and payment.

Payment may be made by credit card using the form overleaf or via our website at www.rcog.org.uk/meetings or by cheque made payable to "R.C.O.G." Payments from abroad should be by international bankers draft or money order in sterling. Payment in other currencies will not be accepted.

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In the unlikely event the course is cancelled by the RCOG, we regret we are unable to refund any delegate travel and/or accommodation costs that have already been incurred by the delegate, or any administration charges relating to cancellation of travel tickets or accommodation.

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Assisted Conception Theoretical Course
You may claim a maximum of 12 CPD credits for full attendance at this course. The rate of claim is 1 credit per hour excluding breaks

The Subfertility and Reproductive Endocrinology Course
You may claim a maximum of 15 CPD credits for full attendance at this course. The rate of claim is 1 credit per hour excluding breaks.

This information is correct at the time of printing as in view of the forthcoming revalidation process, there may be changes to the CPD programme in the future.

If you are a member of any other College you will need to contact the college directly to obtain the correct number of CPD credits.

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