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The Subfertility and Reproductive Endocrinology Course and The Assisted Conception Theoretical Course

Joint RCOG/BFS (British Fertility Society) Meeting

Monday 26 – Friday 30 April 2010

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 16 CPD points for full attendance at this course

The Assisted Conception Theoretical 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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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 and doctors working in the independent sector 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:	Dr Luciano G. Nardo, Manchester (Chair)
BFS Training Subcommittee:	Mr Valentine Akande MRCOG, Bristol Dr Christina Chi Ding, Liverpool Dr Yacoub Khalaf, London Dr Jane Stewart MRCOG, Newcastle Ms Karen Woodcock, Chester
Convenor of Meetings:	Professor Basky Thilaganathan FRCOG, London

PROGRAMME

Monday 26 April

9.00am **REGISTRATION and REFRESHMENTS**

9.25am **Welcome and Introduction**

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

Dr Anthony Rutherford, Consultant in Reproductive Medicine, Women's and Children's CMT, Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust

SESSION I: EPIDEMIOLOGY

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

9.30am **Epidemiology of infertility**

Professor Fulco Van der Veen, Centre for Reproductive Medicine, Academic Medical Centre, Amsterdam

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

Dr Mourad Seif, Senior Lecturer/Consultant Gynaecologist, University of Manchester, Cancer and Imaging Sciences, St Mary's Hospital, Manchester

10.40am **REFRESHMENTS**

SESSION II: MALE FACTOR INFERTILITY

Chair: Dr Yasmin Sajjad, St Mary's Hospital, Manchester

11.10am **The semen analysis and other sperm function tests**
Dr Allan Pacey, Senior Lecturer, Academic Unit of Reproductive and Developmental Medicine, University of Sheffield

11.40am **The assessment and management of male factor infertility**
Dr Edgar Mocanu, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, HARI Unit (Human Assisted Reproduction Ireland), Rotunda Hospital, Dublin, Ireland

12.20pm **LUNCH**

SESSION III: TUBAL DISEASE

Chair: Mr Anthony Rutherford

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, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Royal Hallamshire Hospital, Sheffield

2.30pm **REFRESHMENTS**

SESSION IV: ANOVULATION

Chair: Dr Lisa Webber, Consultant Gynaecologist and Specialist in Reproductive Medicine, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, St Mary's Hospital, Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust, London

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

3.30pm **Anovulation, excluding PCOS**
Dr Gerry Conway, Consultant Endocrinologist, Department of Endocrinology, University College London Hospitals

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

4.30pm **CLOSE of DAY ONE**

Tuesday 27 April

9.00am **Introduction**
Dr Luciano Nardo

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 **Endometriosis-associated subfertility**
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 Luciano Nardo

10.30am **Factors affecting embryo implantation**
Professor Nick Macklon, Southampton

11.00am **REFRESHMENTS**

11.30am **GREEN-ARMYTAGE ANGLO-AMERICAN LECTURE**
The next 30 years of ART
Professor William Ledger, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Academic Unit of Reproductive and Development Medicine, The Jessop Wing, Sheffield

12.30pm **LUNCH**

SESSION VI: UNEXPLAINED INFERTILITY

Chair: Dr Ertan Saridogan, Consultant in Reproductive Medicine and Minimal Access Surgery, Institute for Women's Health, University College London Hospitals, London

1.30pm **Cervical factors and the postcoital test**
Professor Fulco Van der Veen

2.00pm **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 Jane Stewart, Newcastle Fertility Centre, Newcastle

3.00pm **Controversies in immune factors in infertility**
Dr Raj Rai, Consultant, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Imperial College London

- 3.30pm **Controversies in lifestyle issues in infertility**
Ms Annemieke Hoek, Gynaecologist Subspecialist Reproductive Medicine,
Department of Gynaecology, Universitair Medisch Centrum Groningen, The Netherlands
- 4.00pm **CLOSE of DAY TWO**

Wednesday 28 April

- 9.00am **Introduction**
Dr Luciano Nardo

SESSION VIII: ETHICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL ISSUES

Chair: Dr Françoise Shenfield, Clinical Lecturer Infertility, Reproductive Medicine Unit, New FGA, University College London Hospitals

- 9.30am **Ethical issues in the care of the infertile couple**
Dr Gillian Lockwood, Medical Director, Midland Fertility Services, Aldridge
- 10.00am **Psychological issues in infertility – The good, the bad and the ugly**
Ms Jenny Dunlop, Senior Infertility Counsellor, Department of Reproductive Medicine, St Mary's Hospital, Manchester
- 10.30am **Treatment of viral positive patients**
Dr Carole Gilling-Smith, Medical Director, The Agora Gynaecology and Fertility Centre, Hove
- 11.00am **REFRESHMENTS**

SESSION IX: MEDICOLEGAL ASPECTS

Chair: Mr Valentine Akande

- 11.40am **The Lawyer's perspective**
Mr James Lawford-Davies, Associate Solicitor, London
- 12.10pm **The Doctor's perspective**
Mr Masoud Afnan
- 12.40pm **LUNCH**

SESSION X: EVIDENCE BASED MEDICINE

Chair: Dr Yakoub Khalaf, Consultant and Director of Assisted Conception Unit, Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital Foundation Trust, London

- 1.40pm **Evidence based medicine and reproductive medicine**
Dr Arri Coomarasamy, Subspecialist in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, Assisted Conception Unit, Birmingham Women's Hospital

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

2.50am **REFRESHMENTS**

SESSION XI: TRAINING IN REPRODUCTIVE MEDICINE

Chair: Dr Jane Stewart

3.20pm **Training in reproductive medicine**
Dr Christina Chi Ding, Subspecialist Registrar in Reproductive Medicine, Liverpool Women's Hospital

SESSION XII: OPEN FLOOR FOR Q&A

Chair: Dr Jane Stewart

3.50pm **Discussants**
Dr Luciano Nardo
Mr Masoud Afnan
Dr Jane Stewart
Professor Nick Macklon

5.00pm **Concluding remarks and Close of Meeting**
Dr Luciano Nardo

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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 course that will closely follow the guide to learning of the BFS training module on Assisted Conception will cover the followings areas:

- Overview of the work-up of female and male partners
- Management in an assisted conception unit, including the role of the regulator(s)
- 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

Who Should Attend?

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

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PROGRAMME

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- 9.00am **REGISTRATION**
- 9.25am **Welcome and Introduction**
Dr Luciano Nardo

SESSION I

Chair: Mrs Helen Kendrew, Fertility Services Manager/Matron, Bath Fertility Centre, Royal United Hospital, Bath

- 9.30am **The role of the statutory regulator**
Dr Mark Hamilton, Consultant Gynaecologist, NHS Grampian, Aberdeen Maternity Hospital
- 10.00am **Quality management system in an IVF unit**
Mr Enda McVeigh, Consultant Gynaecologist and Medical Director, Oxford Fertility Unit, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford

- 10.30am **Patients' support groups**
Mrs Clare Lewis-Jones, Chief Executive, Infertility Network UK and More to Life
- 11.00am **REFRESHMENTS**

SESSION II

Chair: Mr Nabil Haddad, Consultant Gynaecologist, Countess of Chester NHS Foundation Trust

- 11.30am **Work-up of the woman prior to assisted conception**
Dr Joo Thong, Consultant in Reproductive Medicine, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary
- 12.00pm **Work-up of the man prior to assisted conception**
Dr Willem Ombelet, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, ZOL, Genk, Belgium
- 12.30pm **Individualising and optimising treatment: IUI, IVF or ICSI**
Dr Charles Kingsland, Consultant Gynaecologist, Reproductive Medicine Department, Liverpool Women's Hospital
- 1.00pm **LUNCH**

SESSION III

Chair: Dr Luca Sabatini, Consultant and Honorary Senior Lecturer, The Centre for Reproductive Medicine, St Bartolomew's Hospital, London

- 2.00pm **Clinical aspects of IUI**
Dr Valentine Akande
- 2.30pm **Laboratory aspects of IUI**
Dr Iwan Lewis-Jones, Consultant Clinical Andrologist, Hewitt Centre for Reproductive Medicine, Liverpool Women's Hospital
- 3.00pm **REFRESHMENTS**

SESSION IV

Chair: Dr Dimitrios Nikolaou, Consultant Gynaecologist, Specialist in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, London

- 3.30pm **Predictors of ovarian response to stimulation**
Dr Luciano Nardo
- 4.00pm **Strategies for controlled ovarian hyperstimulation**
Professor William Ledger
- 4.30pm **Prevention and management of ovarian hyperstimulation syndrome**
Dr Raj Mathur, Consultant in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, Department of Reproductive Medicine, Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge
- 5.00pm **Luteal phase support in stimulated cycles: how, when and for how long**
Mr Anthony Rutherford
- 5.30pm **CLOSE of DAY FOUR**

Friday 30 April

8.50am **Introduction**
Dr Luciano Nardo

SESSION V

Chair: Dr Amit Shah, Consultant, Homerton Fertility Centre, Homerton University Hospital, London

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, Assisted Conception Unit, Jessop Wing, Sheffield

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

10.30am **REFRESHMENTS**

SESSION VI

Chair: Miss Lisa Webber

11.00am **Oocyte cryopreservation**
Dr Gillian Lockwood

11.30am **Oocyte IVM: patient selection and clinical outcomes**
Mr Tim Child, Consultant Gynaecologist Sub-Specialist in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, Oxford Fertility Unit, Women's Centre, 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 Stuart Lavery, Director IVF Hammersmith, Reproductive Medicine Department, Imperial College, Hammersmith Hospital, London

1.30pm **Clinical aspects of pre-implantation genetic diagnosis and screening**
Professor Dr Joep Geraedts, Head of Department, Clinical Genetics, University Hospital, Maastricht, The Netherlands

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

3.00pm **Concluding remarks and Close of Meeting**
Dr Luciano Nardo

REGISTRATION FORM

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Registration Fee (Please tick as appropriate)

Full Conference (26th – 30th April 2010)

Subfertility and Reproductive Endocrinology
(26th – 28th April ONLY)

Assisted Conception (29th – 30th April ONLY)

on or before 31/12/2009

£625 (£543.48 + VAT @ 15%)

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£590 + VAT at the prevailing rate

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Please note: VAT will be charged at the prevailing rate. We anticipate the rate of VAT will change on 1st January 2010 but at the time of printing this had not been confirmed. Updated registration fees including VAT will be published on the RCOG website in January 2010. If registering AFTER 1st January 2010, the prevailing rate of VAT will be added to the net price shown above.

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Venue

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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 received before or on Thursday 31 December 2009 and thereafter is £590 + VAT at the prevailing rate. 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 refreshments, lunch, 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 Thursday 31 December 2009 you should telephone 020 7772 6245 to confirm that a place is available before posting your application form and payment.

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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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Subfertility and Reproductive Endocrinology Course

You may claim a maximum of 16 CPD credits for full attendance at this course. The rate of claim is 1 credit per hour excluding breaks.

Assisted Conception Course

You may claim a maximum of 9 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.

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