OVERVIEW
This is a clinical update meeting aimed at all clinicians involved in the management of the subfertile couple 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.

This course is recognised for the theoretical component of the ‘subfertility and reproductive endocrinology’ ATSM. It’s valid for three years, and must be completed prior to completion of the practical component of the ATSMs.

Why Attend?
- Gain a comprehensive overview of subfertility and reproductive endocrinology
- Hear about the latest developments in this rapidly developing area
- This meeting is suitable for the theoretical component of the ‘subfertility and reproductive endocrinology’ ATSM
- Claim a maximum of 16 CPD points for full attendance at this meeting

Who Should Attend?
- All trainees and consultants in obstetrics and gynaecology
- Those who are registered, or who plan to register for the ‘subfertility and reproductive endocrinology’ ATSM
- Fertility counsellors
- Fertility nurses
- General practitioners
- Staff Grades, Staff Doctors, Trust Doctors and Associate Specialists

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PROGRAMME

Monday 27 April

8.50am  REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

9.25am  Welcome and introduction
        Professor Adam Balen, Professor of Reproductive Medicine and Surgery,
        Leeds Centre for Reproductive Medicine
Session I: Epidemiology
*Chair: Mr Mostafa Metwally, Consultant Gynaecologist; Subspecialist in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals*

9.30am  **Epidemiology**  
Ms Madelon van Wely, Clinical Epidemiologist, Academic Medical Centre University of Amsterdam, Netherlands

10.00am  **Unexplained subfertility**  
Miss Melanie Davis

10.30am  **REFRESHMENTS**

Session II: Male factor infertility
*Chair: Dr Allan Pacey, Senior Lecturer, University of Sheffield*

11.00am  **Assessment of male fertility**  
Mr Mostafa Metwally

11.30am  **Semen analysis and sperm function tests**  
Dr Sarah Martins da Silva, Consultant, Ninewells Hospital, Dundee

12.00pm  **The role of counselling**  
Ms Sophia Parsons, Infertility Counsellor and Press Officer for BICA (British Infertility Counselling Association) CRGH - The Centre for Reproductive and Genetic Health, London

12.30pm  **LUNCH (2 course standing fork lunch)**

Session III: Support
*Chair: Ms Laura Witjens, Chief Executive of the National Gamete Donation Trust*

1.30pm  **Male workup**  
Mr Asif Muneer, Consultant Urological Surgeon and Andrologist, University College London Hospital NHS Trust

2.00pm  **Patient perspective**  
Mrs Kate Brian, London Representative, Infertility Network UK

2.30pm  **Clinical case discussion**

3.00pm  **REFRESHMENTS**

Session IV: Tubal disorders
*Chair: Mr Mostafa Metwally*

3.30pm  **Assessment of tubal patency**  
Dr YC Cheong, Associate Professor, University of Southampton, Complete Fertility Centre, Southampton
4.00pm Management of tubal disorders
Professor Tin Chiu Li, Prince of Wales Hospital, Hong Kong

4.30pm CLOSE

Tuesday 28 April

9.00am REFRESHMENTS

9.25am Welcome
Dr Yacoub Khalaf, Consultant Gynaecologist; Subspecialist in Reproductive Medicine and Director of the Assisted Conception Unit, Guy’s and St Thomas’ NHS Foundation Trust, London

Session V: Surgery for infertility
Chair: Mr Luciano Nardo, Director; Consultant Gynaecologist and Reproductive Medicine; Subspecialist in Reproductive Medicine, GyneHealth, Manchester/London

9.30am Endometriosis associated subfertility
Dr Ertan Saridogan, Consultant in Reproductive Medicine and Minimal Access Surgery, University College London Hospitals

10.00am Fibroids and fertility
Dr Yacoub Khalaf

10.30am Congenital uterine abnormalities
Mr K Jayaprakasan, Subspecialist and Honorary Associate Professor in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery Royal Derby Hospital; Derby University of Nottingham

11.00am REFRESHMENTS

Session VI: Controversies
Chair: Dr Yacoub Khalaf

11.30am Adjuvant treatment and alternative therapies
Mr Luciano Nardo

12.00pm In vitro maturation, is there a future?
Dr Ippokratis Sarris, Consultant Gynaecologist; Subspecialist in Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, Lead Consultant, CREATE St Paul’s, London

12.30pm LUNCH (2 course standing fork lunch)
Session VII: Ovulatory disorders  
Chair: Dr Ippokratis Sarris  

1.30pm  Causes and investigation of ovarian infertility  
Professor Adam Balen, Professor of Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, Leeds Teaching Hospitals; The Leeds Centre for Reproductive Medicine, Seacroft Hospital  

2.00pm  PCOS and reproductive implications  
Dr Gerry Conway, Consultant Endocrinologist, University College London Hospitals  

2.30pm  Ovulation induction  
Professor Adam Balen  

3.00pm  REFRESHMENTS  

Session VIII: Speciality training forum  

3.30pm  Speciality training forum  
Dr Ippokratis Sarris  

4.00pm  CLOSE  

Wednesday 29 April  

9.00am  REFRESHMENTS  

9.25am  Welcome  
Dr Yacoub Khalaf  

Session IX: Pregnancy problems  
Chair: Dr Yacoub Khalaf  

9.30am  Recurrent miscarriage  
Professor Siobhan Quenby, Professor of Obstetrics; Director of the Biomedical Research Unit in Reproductive Health, Warwick Medical School, university of Warwick, Coventry  

10.00am  Early pregnancy problems  
Miss Janine Elson, Consultant Gynaecological and Reproductive and Surgery Subspecialist, Care Fertility, Nottingham  

10.30am  Pre-pregnancy assessment of medical problems  
Professor Catherine Nelson-Piercy, Professor of Obstetric Medicine, Guy’s and St Thomas’ Foundation Trust, London  

11.00am  REFRESHMENTS
Session X: Evidence-based medicine
Chair: Dr Allan Pacey

11.30am Basics of evidence
Dr Yacoub Khalaf

12.00pm Setting up a clinical trial in reproductive medicine
Mr Raj Rai, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Imperial College London

12.30pm LUNCH (2 course standing fork lunch)

Session XI: Fertility preservation
Chair: Dr Allan Pacey

1.30pm Female fertility preservation
Professor Erik Ernst, Professor, Senior Registrar, MD, PhD, Aarhus University Hospital, Denmark

2.00pm Oocyte storage for family planning
Dr Gillian Lockwood, Medical Director, Midland Fertility, Tamworth

2.30pm Male fertility preservation
Dr Allan Pacey

3.00pm REFRESHMENTS

Session XII: Gamete donation
Chair: Ms Laura Witjens

3.30pm Donor recruitment
Dr Jane Stewart, Consultant in Gynaecology; Subspecialist in Reproductive Medicine, Newcastle Fertility Centre

4.00pm Gamete donation treatment
Dr Alison Taylor, Fertility Consultant, Lister Fertility Clinic, London

4.30pm CLOSE
Assisted Conception Theoretical Course
Thursday 30 April – Friday 1 May 2014
Joint RCOG/BFS Meeting
Venue: RCOG, London

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 RCOG/BFS training course on “Subfertility and Reproductive Endocrinology”.

Why Attend?
This course will closely follow the guide to learning of the BFS training module on assisted conception and will cover the followings areas:

- Overview of the workup 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 – Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD) and Screening (PGS) and gametes donation
- Claim a maximum of 11 CPD points for full attendance at this meeting

Who Should Attend?
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Thursday 30 April

9.00am   REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

9.25am   Welcome
Dr Jane Stewart
Session I: Quality and standards  
Chair: Professor Joyce Harper, Genetics, Embryology and IVF Group, Institute for Women’s Health, University College London

9.30am  The HFE Act and regulation of ART  
Mr James Lawford Davies, Partner, Lawford Davies Denoon, London

10.00am  Quality management  
Mr Robert Forman, Medical Director, Centre Reproductive Medicine, London

10.30am  Factors affecting success rates  
Dr Yacoub Khalaf

11.00am  REFRESHMENTS

Session II:  
Chair: Dr Yacoub Khalaf

11.30am  What’s absolute and what’s relative in assisted reproduction?  
Professor Dr Hans Evers, Division Reproductive Medicine and Biology, The Maastricht University Medical Centre, The Netherlands

12.30pm  LUNCH (2 course standing fork lunch)

Session III: Laboratory  
Chair: Dr Virginia Bolton, Consultant Embryologist, Guy’s and St Thomas, London

1.30pm  Gamete preparation and embryo culture  
Ms Karen Schnauffer, Consultant Clinical Embryologist, The Hewitt Fertility Centre, Liverpool Women’s Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

2.00pm  Gamete and embryo cryopreservation  
Ms Rachel Cutting, Principal Embryologist, Jessop Fertility, Sheffield Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

2.30pm  Single embryo transfer  
Dr Martine Nijs, Director IVF and Andrology Laboratories, Nij Geertegen, Fertility Center, Elsendrop, the Netherlands

3.00pm  REFRESHMENTS

Session IV: Preimplantation testing  
Chair: Ms Rachel Cutting

3.30pm  PGD/PGS clinical and laboratory perspectives  
Dr Joyce Harper

4.10pm  Case discussions

4.30pm  CLOSE
Friday 1 May

9.00am  REFRESHMENTS

9.25am  Welcome

Session V: Planning for treatment
Chair: Mr Tarek El Toukhy, Consultant in Reproductive Medicine, Guy’s and St Thomas’ Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, London

9.30am  Female workup
Dr Alka Prakash, Consultant Reproductive Medicine and Surgery, Addenbrookes Hospital, Cambridge

10.00am  Intrauterine insemination
Mr Valentine Akande

10.30am  Deciding not to treat
Mr Hossam Abdalla, Lister Fertility Unit, Lister Fertility Clinic, London

11.00am  REFRESHMENTS

Session VI: NICE 2012/13
Chair: Mr Valentine Akande, Consultant Obstetrician and Gynaecologist, Bristol Centre for Reproductive Medicine and Division of Women’s Health, Southmead Hospital, Bristol

11.30am  State of the ART
Professor Richard Anderson, Elsie Ing Professor of Clinical Reproductive Science; Head of Section, Obstetrics and Gynaecology, MRC Centre for Reproductive Health, Queens’s Medical Research Institute, The University of Edinburgh

12.30pm  LUNCH (2 course standing fork lunch)

Session VII: ART
Chair: Dr Alka Prakash

1.30pm  Hypogonadal man
Dr Richard Quinton, Consultant Endocrinologist, Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust

2.00pm  Stimulation protocols
Dr Sesh Sunkara, Kings College London Queen Elizabeth Hospital, London

2.30pm  Risks of ART
Professor Neil McClure, Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Queens University Belfast and the Belfast Trust

3.00pm  REFRESHMENTS
Session VIII: Gamete retrieval
Chair: Dr S K Sunkara

3.30pm  Oocyte retrieval and embryo transfer
         Mr Tarek El Toukhy

4.00pm  Sperm retrieval
         Mr Kevin McEleny, Consultant Urologist, Newcastle Fertility Centre

4.30pm  CLOSE