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#### OOCYTE VITRIFICATION: ROUTINE APPLICATION IN IVF LABORATORIES

Rome 19<sup>th</sup> September 2009

#### AIM OF THE MEETING

After the introduction of the severe Italian Law on Assisted Reproductive Technology (ART), in accordance with the restrictions imposed on embryo cryopreservation, oocyte freezing has been introduced as a routine practice in most IVF centres. Oocyte cryopreservation still represents however a great challenge in ART. The difficulties associated to this technique are mostly related to the special structure and sensitivity of this cell. Novel approaches to slow freezing procedure have been introduced, and applied in the majority of the Italian centers, with improved survival rate and subsequent embryo development. However, oocytes competence to implant after freezing/thawing remained significantly inferior to fresh counterparts.

As an alternative to slow freezing, vitrification procedure has been suggested for oocyte (and embryo) cryopreservation by different Authors. The recent improvements of this approach, including increase cooling and warming rates using very small volumes and decreasing toxicity by reducing cryoprotectants concentrations, will be discussed. Moreover, the results in terms of oocyte survival, fertilization, embryo development rates and clinical outcomes will be reported by different groups.

It must be underlined that the application of oocyte cryopreservation is not only limited to the Italian situation. This technique is also important for fertility preservation, for egg donation programs, and to help overcome ethical issues related to embryo cryopreservation. Moreover, in cases of oocyte genetic selection, the possibility to cryopreserved biopsied oocytes open new frontiers for this application. Preliminary results of aneuploidy screening (by CGH procedure) and monogenic analysis on polar bodies of vitrified oocytes will be exposed and discussed.



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CASA DEL CINEMA

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## Saturday 19th September 2009

8.30 Welcome Laura Rienzi, Italy

### Key note Lectures:

Chairmen: Giovanni Cotichio and Paolo Emanuele Levi Setti

9.00-9.30 Highly efficient vitrification method for cryopreservation of human oocytes: a reality today?  
Gabor Vajta, Australia

10.00-10.30 Indication for oocyte cryopreservation: why is it so important worldwide?  
Peter Nagy, USA

10.30-11.00 Different vitrification procedures: is it possible to standardize the protocol?  
Pierre Vanderzwallen Belgium,  
Yannis Panagiotidis Greece

11-11.30 Discussion

11.30-12.00 Coffee break

### Session 1

#### Routine application of oocyte vitrification

Chairmen: Sandrine Chamayou and Andrea Borini

12.00-12.20 Vitrification for oocyte cryobanking: 3 years experience in Spain  
Ana Cobo, Spain

12.20-12.40 Vitrification for infertile couples: 1 year experience in Italy  
Laura Rienzi, Italy

12.40-13.00 Oocyte quality influences on clinical outcomes: comments and discussion  
Peter Nagy, USA

13.00-15.00 Lunch

### Session 2

#### Oocyte vitrification in cases and pre-conception genetic diagnosis

Chairmen: Michela Lappi and Filippo Ubaldi

15.00-15.30 Oocyte vitrification and aneuploidy screening on I PB: is it possible to select euploid oocytes for insemination?  
Levent Keskinetepe, USA

15.30-16.00 First PB biopsy and oocyte vitrification for pre-conception genetic diagnosis of single gene disorders: experience conducted by a reference laboratory in Rome  
Francesco Fiorentino, Italy

16.00-17.00 Round Table: Alberto Ferlin, Francesco Fiorentino, Marcello Iacobelli, Levent Keskinetepe, Michela Lappi, Laura Rienzi, Filippo Ubaldi

17.00 Closing Remarks and Cocktail

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