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In Vitro Derived Human Gametes: Scientific, Ethical, Regulatory, Legal and Clinical Implications: A Workshop

Washington DC, April 19-21, 2023

**AGENDA** 

# **DAY 1: APRIL 19**

## **Session 1: Opening Session**

#### **Objectives**

- 1. Introduce the workshop topic and rationale.
- 2. Understand how research advances with induced pluripotent stem cells (iPSCs) are driving innovation in reproductive medicine.
- 3. Highlight perspectives on the potential impact of IVG on different communities and affected stakeholders.

Welcome and Introduction 9:15am

Eli Y. Adashi (Brown University) Workshop Chair (virtual)

9:30am **Current State of the Science for Early Human Stem Cell Transitions** 

Ali Brivanlou (Rockefeller University) (virtual)

Discussion 9:50am

Needs and Concerns in Human Biology and Reproductive Medicine 10:00am

**Session Introduction** 

**Susan Crockin** (O'Neill Institute, Georgetown Law) Moderator

Potential Impacts for Stakeholders and Society 10:05am

Joel Michael Reynolds (Georgetown University)

Andrea Braverman (Thomas Jefferson University) (virtual)

**Katherine Kraschel** (Yale Law School)

Discussion 10:30am

10:50am **Break** 

#### **Session 2: State of the Science**

#### **Objectives**

- 1. Provide a high-level overview of human germ cell development.
- 2. Present the current state of science for IVG, including research achievements with other mammalian species and roadblocks for achieving in vitro derivation of human gametes.
- 3. Highlight near-term prospects for overcoming remaining scientific and technical barriers.

#### Session 2a: Context and Background

11:10am Session Introduction

**Amander Clark** (University of California, Los Angeles) and **Kotaro Sasaki** (University of Pennsylvania) Moderators

11:15am Human Germ Cell Development

**Azim Surani** (Cambridge University and The Gurdon Institute) (virtual)

11:30am Discussion

## Session 2b: The Oogenesis Pathway

11:40am Stem Cell-Derived Ovarian Germ Cells: The Rodent Paradigm

Katsuhiko Hayashi (Kyushu University, Japan)

11:55am Stem Cell-Derived Ovarian Germ Cells: The Primate and Human

**Paradigm** 

Mitinori Saitou (Kyoto University, Japan) (virtual)

12:10pm The Importance of Meiosis

Paula Cohen (Cornell University)

12:25pm Discussion

12:50pm **Lunch** (will be provided)

### Session 2c: The Spermatogenesis Pathway

Stem Cell-Derived Testicular Germ Cells: The Primate and Human 1:50pm **Paradigm** Kotaro Sasaki (University of Pennsylvania) Moderator **Spermatogonial Stem Cell Transplantation** 2:05pm **Kyle Orwig** (University of Pittsburgh Medical Center) 2:20pm The Importance of Epigenetic Resetting in Germ Cells Petra Hajkova (Imperial College, London) Germline Mutation and Variation: Considerations for IVG 2:35pm Anne Goriely (Oxford University) Discussion 2:50pm Break 3:15pm

#### Session 3: Implications of IVG if it were in Clinical Practice

#### **Objectives**

- 1. Explore how IVG technology could potentially impact fertility care.
- 2. Examine how IVG technology could intersect with currently available methods of assisted reproductive technology.
- 3. Highlight how IVG's potential path to clinical practice may differ between countries due to political, cultural, & religious contexts.
- 3:35pm Session Introduction Hugh Taylor (Yale University) Moderator
- 3:40pm Clinical Considerations
  Gamal Serour (Al Azhar University, Egypt) (virtual)
  Paula Amato (Oregon Health and Sciences University)
- 4:20pm Discussion
- 4:50pm Concluding Remarks from Day 1
  Susan Crockin (O'Neill Institute, Georgetown Law)
- 5:00- Reception (National Academies' Keck Center Atrium, Washington DC) 6:30pm

### DAY 2: APRIL 20

9:30am Welcome and Orientation to Day 2
Hugh Taylor (Yale University)

### Session 4: Social, Ethical, and Legal Considerations Raised by IVG

#### **Objectives**

- 1. Frame key social, ethical, and legal questions that arise when considering IVG as a potential clinical tool.
- 2. Discuss issues relating to informed consent, governance, egg donation, surrogacy, and the financialization of third-party reproduction.
- 3. Consider how attitudes about IVG reflect societal values about genetically related progeny, parenting, and family building.

9:40am Session Introduction

Glenn Cohen (Harvard Law School) Moderator

9:45am Opening Perspectives

Michele Goodwin (University of California, Irvine) (virtual)

**Alana Cattapan** (University of Waterloo, Canada)

**Sonia Suter** (George Washington University)

Hank Greely (Stanford University)

10:20am Discussion

11:00am Break

# Session 5: Equity, Access, and Cost Considerations Associated with IVG

## **Objectives**

- 1. Explore how socioeconomic and equity considerations impact who would be able to access IVG as a new and disruptive technology.
- 2. Contemplate how lessons from existing practices in third-party reproduction inform an understanding of how IVG would affect the global fertility industry.
- 3. Reflect on how funding sources in public vs private health care systems impact patient access to reproductive medicine.

11:20am Session Introduction

Ubaka Ogboqu (University of Alberta, Canada) Moderator

11:25am Opening Perspectives

**Lisa Ikemoto** (University of California, Davis School of Law) **Amrita Pande** (University of Cape Town, South Africa) **Lorian Hardcastle** (University of Calgary) (virtual)

11:50am Discussion

12:30pm Lunch (will be provided)

#### Session 6: Imagining a Potential Clinical Research Pathway for Human IVG

#### **Objectives**

- 1. Outline the major scientific and ethical elements that would need to be addressed to move from the laboratory to a clinical trial.
- 2. Present regulatory frameworks that could apply to IVG.
- 3. Discuss lessons learned from other pluripotent stem cell therapies that have successfully moved into clinical trials.

1:30pm Session Introduction

Jeffrey Kahn (Johns Hopkins University), Moderator

1:35pm U.S. Policy and Legal Approaches

Alta Charo (University of Wisconsin-Madison) (virtual)

1:45pm An Industry Perspective on the Potential Path to Clinical Research

Matthew Krisiloff (Conception Bio, Inc)

1:55pm U.S. Regulatory Frameworks for a Translational Pathway from Lab to

**Clinical Trials for IVG** 

**Peter Marks** (U.S. Food and Drug Administration)

2:15pm Discussion

### **Session 7: Breakout Group Discussions**

2:45pm Orientation to Breakout Groups NASEM staff, Moderators

**Break and Move to Groups** 3:00pm

Three Parallel Breakout Groups with Discussion Questions 3:20pm

Keck 100 BREAKOUT 1: Societal, Ethical, and Legal Implications of IVG

> In anticipation of continued research progress, the ramifications of IVG must be proactively considered. The group will discuss the societal, ethical, and legal issues raised by its potential development and use.

Keck 101 BREAKOUT 2: Impact of IVG on the Fertility Enterprise

> Fertility care has become a major business enterprise worldwide. The breakout group will discuss the potential impacts of IVG on this burgeoning industry should it ever be used clinically.

Keck 103 BREAKOUT 3: Translating IVG from Laboratory to Market

> Emerging technologies require extensive testing and approvals before clinical use. The breakout group will discuss pathways for IVG from laboratory to any potential clinical use, including validation assays and

regulatory considerations.

Break and Reconvene in Keck 100 4:35pm

4:40pm Concluding Remarks from Day 2

Ubaka Oqboqu (University of Alberta, Canada)

Adjourn Day 2 4:50pm

5:00-Reception

National Academies' Keck Center Atrium, Washington DC 6:30pm

## **DAY 3 - APRIL 21**

9:30am Welcome and Orientation to Day 3
Glenn Cohen (Harvard Law School)

#### **Session 8: Breakout Group Report Outs**

9:45am Group 1 Report Out and Discussion

Katherine Kraschel (Yale Law School) (virtual)

10:10am Group 2 Report Out and Discussion

Amrita Pande (University of Cape Town, South Africa)

10:35am Group 3 Report Out and Discussion

Jeffrey Kahn (Johns Hopkins University)

### <u>Session 9: Participatory Public Engagement around Reproductive Science</u> Advances

#### **Objectives**

- 1. Examine public attitudes, values, and perceptions around IVG.
- 2. Discuss how communities with relevant lived experiences shape research agendas and ongoing technology development.
- 3. Highlight best practices for effective and productive engagement between stakeholders in research, medicine, regulation, and patient advocacy.

11:00am Session Introduction

Melissa Simon (Northwestern University) Moderator (virtual)

11:05am Opening Perspectives

**Erica Marsh** (University of Michigan)

Hannah Landecker (University of California, Los Angeles)

Tanika Gray Valbrun (The White Dress Project)

11:30am Discussion

12:10pm Lunch (will be provided)

# **Session 10: Concluding Thoughts**

1:00pm Key Messages from the Workshop

Amander Clark (University of California, Los Angeles)

2:10pm Next Steps

NASEM staff

2:30pm Adjourn Workshop

Eli Y. Adashi (Brown University) Workshop Chair