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CURRENT EMPLOYMENT Laboratory Director, Pacific Fertility Center, San Francisco.

Laboratory Director, Advanced Fertility Care, Scottsdale, AZ. Laboratory Director, Fertility Specialists Medical Group, San

Diego, CA.

Faculty, San Francisco State University.

EDUCATION

1991-1994 Royal Postgraduate Medical School, University of London. Ph.D.

awarded 1996, Thesis Advisors:

Alan Handyside/Henry Leese. Human Embryology

1983-1987 University of Limerick, Ireland. B.Sc., Biology and Agricultural

Science, with Honors

1978-1983 St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny, Ireland.

Leaving Certificate (High School Diploma).

BOARD CERTIFICATION

1999 American Board of Bioanalysis, certified as a "High-complexity

Clinical Laboratory Director (HCLD)" for Embryology and

Andrology.

2002 American Board of Bioanalysis, certified as a "Embryology

Laboratory Director (ELD)" and "Clinical Consultant (CC)".

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December 1999 to present Director, Assisted Reproductive Technology Laboratories at Pacific

Fertility Center, San Francisco, CA

January 2009 to present Off-site Director, Assisted Reproductive Technology Laboratory at

Advanced Fertility Care, Scottsdale, AZ.

December 2007 to present Off-site Director, Assisted Reproductive Technology Laboratory at

Fertility Specialists Medical Group, San Diego, CA

August 2003 to present Faculty, San Francisco State University (teaching Reproductive

Technologies)

February 2002 to February 2008 Off-site Director, Assisted Reproductive Technology Laboratory at

Scripps Clinic, La Jolla, CA

February 2002 to July 2007 Off site Director, Assisted Reproductive Technology Laboratory at

Southern California Center for Reproductive Medicine, Newport

Beach, CA

December 1999 to October 2003 Director, Assisted Reproductive Technology Laboratories at San

Francisco Center for Reproductive Medicine, San Francisco, CA

July 1997 to November 1999 Assistant Professor, Department of Obstetrics, Gynecology and

Reproductive Sciences, Reproductive Genetics Division, University

of California San Francisco, San Francisco, CA

January 1995 to June 1997 Visiting Postdoctoral Fellow, Laboratory of Professor Roger

Pedersen, University of California, San Francisco. Responsible for the daily operation of the UCSF *In Vitro* Fertilization Laboratory.

July 1991 to December 1994 Graduate student at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School,

University of London. Thesis title: "The human preimplantation

embryo: assessment of culture conditions and viability"; Supervisors:

Dr. Alan Handyside and Dr. Henry Leese

April 1989 - June 1991 Research Officer with the IVF Unit at Hammersmith Hospital,

London, UK.

June 1988- Mar. 1989 Research Assistant with the IVF Unit at Hammersmith Hospital,

London, UK.

2022 ACTIVITIES (INVITED SPEAKER)

January ABB Board meeting

February Middle East Fertility Society, Cairo Egypt

Reproductive Technology Master's program, Pavia, Italy

March North Carolina Embryology Society, Raleigh, NC

Florida Embryology Society, Miami, FL

April Vitrolife "Thought Leaders" conference, Denver, CO

May ABB annual meeting, Austin, TX

July ESHRE meeting, Milan, Italy

August University of Gothenburg, Sweden

Nordic Fertility Society, Helsinki, Finland

September Brazilian Fertility Society, Sao Paulo, Brazil

Canadian Andrology and Fertility Society, Halifax, NS

South East Asia Fertility Society, Malaysia

October Alpha meeting, Seville, Spain

HONORS AND AWARDS

British Fertility Society Annual prize for the best oral abstract presented in Aberdeen, Scotland, May 1990

UCSF Fellows Teaching Award (Reproductive Endocrinology) 1996

American Board of Bioanalysts prize for the best oral abstract presented in Las Vegas, May 2008

American Board of Bioanalysts prize for the best oral abstract presented in Orlando, May 2009

Pacific Coast Reproductive Society prize for the best oral abstract presented in Palm Springs, April 2011

SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY BOARDS

Irvine Scientific, Santa Ana, CA, 2004-present

EMD Serono, Rockland, MA, 2005-2009

Stem Lifeline, Santa Clara, CA, 2006-2008

Ovascience, Boston, MA, 2010-present

PROFESSIONAL SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

American Society for Reproductive Medicine (ASRM)

American Board of Bioanalysis (ABB)

Northern California Association of Reproductive Biologists (NCARB)

UNIVERSITY AND PUBLIC SERVICE

 Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology (SART) executive committee, Laboratory Director representative, 2008-2010

- Chair, College of Reproductive Biology (special interest group within ABB), May 2007-May 2008
- Member, Board of Directors, American Association of Bioanalysts, May 2007-May 2008
- Lecturer, San Francisco State University, teaching Reproductive Technologies and Developmental Biology, 2003 - present
- American Society for Reproductive Medicine, Abstract Committee, 1995, 2005, 2008, 2011
- Northern California Association of Reproductive Biologists, Vice-President, 1997-1999.
- Northern California Association of Reproductive Biologists, President, 1999- 2001
- Inspector, College of American Pathologists/American Society for Reproductive Medicine reproductive laboratory accreditation program.
- World Health Organization Fellowship Supervisor, Summer 1998
- Participant, PBS Television, Frontline. The Ethical and Genetic Aspects of Infertility, June 1, 1999.
- Examinations Board member, American Board of Bioanalysis, Program for certification of High Complexity Clinical laboratory Directors in the discipline of Embryology, 1999-present.
- Government and Professional Relations Committee, American Association of Bioanalysts, 2003-2007

ABSTRACTS PRESENTED AT SCIENTIFIC MEETINGS

Can non-invasive measurement of pyruvate uptake in culture assist embryo selection for transfer following in-vitro fertilization?

Talk presented at the British Fertility Society meeting in Aberdeen, May 1990.

Winner of annual prize for the best oral abstract.

*Pyruvate uptake in relation to pregnancy outcome after human IVF.*Talk presented at the Society for the study of Fertility meeting in Glasgow, July 1992.

Glucose inhibits cleavage of human preimplantation embryos in vitro.

Talk presented at the joint meeting of the Society for the study of Fertility and the British Fertility Society in Bristol, December 1992.

The effects of culture media on the development of human preimplantation embryos in vitro. Talk presented at the meeting of the Society for the study of Fertility in Southampton, July 1994.

The effects of insulin on the development of human preimplantation embryos in vitro. Talk presented at the meeting of the Society for the Study of Reproduction in Ann Arbor, Michigan, USA, July 1994.

Do IVF outcomes with epididymal spermatozoa vary with male factor etiology? Pacific Coast Fertility Society. Annual Meeting, Indian Wells, CA, June 1997.

Delivery of a Healthy Baby after Using Embryos That Had Been Frozen Twice (Day 2 and Blastocyst) Am. Soc. Repro. Med. Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL., October 2001

PH Equilibration Dynamics within Microdrops
Pacific Coast Fertility Society. Annual Meeting, Palm Springs, CA, April 2008

Real-time pH profiling of IVF culture medium using an in incubator device with continuous monitoring College of Reproductive Biology/American Board of Bioanalysis Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, 2008

Vitrification and warming of oocytes may be impacted by the number of oocytes retrieved College of Reproductive Biology/American Board of Bioanalysis Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, 2008

Vitrification and warming of blastocysts produces high implantation and pregnancy rates when compared to slow freezing.

College of Reproductive Biology/American Board of Bioanalysis Annual Meeting, Las Vegas, 2008 Winner of annual prize for the best oral abstract.

Blastocyst Vitrification and warming: two years and 200 cycles, College of Reproductive Biology/American Board of Bioanalysis Annual Meeting, Orlando, 2009 **Winner of annual prize for the best oral abstract.**

Human Blastocyst Vitrification and Warming: 3 Years Experience Using the CryoTip, 1st annual congress on Controversies in Cryopreservation of Stem Cells, Reproductive Cells, Tissue and Organs, Valencia, Spain, 2010

Establishment of a reliable blastocyst vitrification protocol allows for more widespread use of elective single embryo transfer (eSET). ESHRE meeting, Rome, 2010

Optimization of Blastocyst Vitrification May Require Artificial Collapse, Pacific Coast Reproductive Society annual meeting, Palm Springs, 2011

Winner of annual prize for the best oral abstract.

PUBLICATIONS

PEER REVIEWED/ORIGINAL ARTICLES

- Conaghan, J., Dimitry, E.S., Mills, M., Margara, R.A. and Winston, R.M.L., (1989), Delayed human chorionic gonadotrophin administration for *in vitro* fertilization, Lancet, i: 8650, pp 1323-1324.
- Dimitry, E.S., Oskarsson, T., **Conaghan, J.**, Margara, R., and Winston, R.M.L., (1991), Beneficial effects of a 24 hour delay in human chorionic gonadotrophin administration during *in vitro* fertilization treatment cycles, *Human Reproduction.* **6**, pp 944-946.
- Tarin, J.J., **Conaghan, J.**, Winston, R.M.L. and Handyside, A.H., (1992), Human embryo biopsy on the second day post insemination for preimplantation diagnosis: removal of a quarter of embryo retards cleavage. *Fertility and Sterility*. **58**, (5), 970-976.
- Conaghan, J., Hardy, K., Handyside, A.H., Winston, R.M.L. and Leese, H.J., (1993), Selection criteria for human embryo transfer: A comparison of pyruvate uptake and morphology. *Journal of Assisted Reproduction and Genetics*. **10**, (1), 21-30.
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Conaghan, J., Handyside, A.H., Winston, R.M.L. and Leese, H.J., (1993), Effects of pyruvate and glucose on the development of human preimplantation embryos *in vitro*. *Journal of Reproduction and Fertility*, **99**, (1), 87-95.

- Dawson, K.J., Conaghan, J., Ostera, G.R., Winston, R.M.L. and Hardy, K., (1995), Delaying transfer to the third day post-insemination, to select non-arrested embryos, increases development to the fetal heart stage, *Human Reproduction*, **10**, (1), 177-182.
- Ray, P.F., Conaghan, J., Winston, R.M.L. and Handyside, A.H., (1995), Increased number of cells and metabolic activity in male human preimplantation embryos following *in vitro* fertilization, *Journal of Reproduction and Fertility*, **104**, (1), 165-171.
- Nudell, D.M., Conaghan, J., Pedersen, R.A., Givens, C.R., Schriock, E.D. and Turek, P.J., (1998), The mini-MESA for sperm retrieval: a study of urological outcomes. *Human Reproduction*, **13**, (5), 1260-5.
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- Turek, P.J., Nudell, D.M. and Conaghan, J., (1999), Methods of epididymal sperm retrieval: A urologic perspective. *Assisted Reproduction Reviews*, **9**: 60-64, 1999
- Lavoir, M.-C., Conaghan, J. and Pedersen, R.A.P. (1999), Culture of human embryos for studies on the derivation of human pluripotent cells. *Reprod. Fertil. Dev.*, **10** (7), 557-561.
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- Dawson, K.J., Conaghan, J., Ostera, G.R., Hardy, K. and Winston, R.M.L., (1992), Pregnancy rates after IVF are similar whether embryos are transferred on day 2 or day 3 post insemination. *J. Reprod. Fert., Abstract series no. 10*, pp 21, No. 37.
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- Turek, P.J., Tom, R.A., Pedersen, R.A. and Conaghan, J., The Mini-MESA for Sperm Retrieval: A study of efficacy and outcome. *Pacific Coast Fertility Society. Annual Meeting, Indian Wells, CA*
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- Conaghan, J., Givens, C.G., Schriock, E. and Turek, P.J., (1997), Do IVF outcomes with epididymal spermatozoa vary with male factor etiology? *Pacific Coast Fertility Society. Annual Meeting, Indian Wells, CA*.
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- Turek, P.J., Conaghan, J., Pedersen, R.A., Givens, C., Schriock, E., Cha, I. and Ljung, B.M., (1997), Fine needle testis "mapping" for sperm: a tool to locate and guide sperm retrieval for ICSI in men with non-obstructive azoospermia. *West Sect., Am. Urol. Assoc. Salt Lake City, Utah.*
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- Turek, P.J., Conaghan, J., Pedersen, R.A., Givens, C., Schriock E. and Ljung, B.M., (1998), Testis fine needle "mapping": a tool for sperm detection and retrieval in men with non-obstructive azoospermia. *Pacific Coast Fertility Society, Ann. Meeting, Indian Wells, CA*.
- Bachtell, N., Conaghan, J. and Turek, P.J., (1998), Testicular sperm viability after freezing in men with non-obstructive azoospermia. *Am. Urol. Assoc. Annual meeting, San Diego, CA*.
- Bachtell, N., Conaghan, J. and Turek, P.J., (1998), The sperm hypoosmotic swelling assay for IVF and ICSI: Sperm viability varies with type of tail coiling. *Am. Soc. Repro. Med. Annual Meeting, San Francisco.*
- Turek, P.J., Bachtell, N. and **Conaghan, J.**, (1998), The relative viability of human sperm from the testis, epididymis and vas deferens before and after cryopreservation. *Am. Soc. Repro. Med. Annual Meeting, San Francisco*.
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- Turek, P.J., Lee, D. and **Conaghan, J.**, (1999), How does aspirated sperm quality vary with obstructive azoospermia etiology? *American Urological Assocation annual meeting, Dallas, Texas*.
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- Turek, P.J., Meng, M., Cha, I. and Conaghan, J., (1999), Does testis injury from diagnostic fine needle aspiration mapping affect later sperm retrieval procedures? Am. Soc. Repro. Med. Annual Meeting, Toronto, Canada, and West Sect., Am. Urol. Assoc. Monterey, CA.
- Conaghan, J., Schriock E.D., Ryan, I.P. and Givens, C., (2001), Delivery of a Healthy Baby after Using Embryos That Had Been Frozen Twice (Day 2 and Blastocyst). *Fertility and Sterility, Vol. 76, Issue 3, Suppl 1, pp S121*
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