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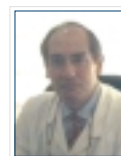
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PRECONGRESS COURSE ON 3D ULTRASONOGRAPHY

"From Infertility to Delivery"

THURSDAY, MARCH 22, 2007

SESSION 1: 3D ultrasound as a gold standard for evaluating uterine anomalies.

3D ultrasound in the 1st trimester.

3D ultrasound: gimmick or breakthrough?

Discussion

SESSION 2: 3D ultrasound in gynecology.

New 3D modalities (STIC, B-flow, inverted mode and more): How does it work?

3D ultrasound in the 2nd trimester.

Discussion

SESSION 3: Pitfalls and artifacts in three-dimensional ultrasound.

3D ultrasound in the 3rd trimester.

3D ultrasound of the brain.

3D of the cardiovascular system.

Discussion

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SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

INFERTILITY & ART

Hall A

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2007

08:30 - 10:00 **Ovulation Induction: A New Player on the Block**

DEBATE: **Aromatase inhibitor, Letrozole, shows promising results in infertility treatment. Are we sure of the evidence? Do we know the risks?**

Yes: Aromatase inhibitors are efficient and safe!

No: Aromatase inhibitors - the risk is too high, the evidence is not there!

Potential use of Aromatase inhibitors in IVF patients.

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 - 12:30 **Ovarian Stimulation**

Capsule: *Ovarian stimulation is the most crucial step in IVF, yet no agreement exists on basic issues.*

DEBATE: **Do we need to add LH for ovarian stimulation?**

No: we don't need LH, in fact, FSH only works very well.

Yes: We do need LH in a very timed and specified manner!

GnRH antagonists - an unfulfilled expectation?

Can we really offer anything to older patient with decreased ovarian reserve?

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 - 15:30 **PGD - Clinical and Ethical Implications**

Capsule: *PGD is still an experimental procedure that needs clinical and ethical refinement?*

DEBATE: **What should be tested, should it be universally used?**

Should we test the first polar body or the embryo?

We should test sequentially the polar body and the embryo!

Pre implantation genetic diagnosis: pre gravid screening or selection? Ethical consideration.

DISCUSSION: **PGD should be offered to all patients!**

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:30 **New technique**

Capsule: *Can we improve success rate through newer techniques*

DEBATE: **Will IVM ever replace standard IVF?**

Yes: Results of IVM are comparable to standard IVF, without the risks!

No: IVM does not offer any advantage over the current IVF practice.

Can we increase the low success rate of embryo freezing through newer techniques?

Open session

Participants are invited to describe a short case or pose a question which will be posted on the website and presented by them to the panel during the congress. They will be able to interrogate the expert during the session.

Please send questions or short case description to:

cogi@comtecmed.com, so that they can be added to the program.

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2007

08:00 - 10:00 **PGD, Sex Selection & Cloning**

Capsule: *Are we on a slippery slope crossing gaps that were ban in the before?*

Can more liberal use of PGD have an impact on efficiency and clinical outcome of ART?

DEBATE: **Human embryonic stem cells - where are we now?**

Proposition: HEScells, a panacea

Opposition: HEScells, research tool but not therapeutic

DEBATE: **Therapeutic cloning, PGD, sex selection are all feminist issues?**

Proposition: PGD and cloning are threat to women's autonomy

Opposition: PGD and cloning are medical tools of universal benefit

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM (cont'd)

INFERTILITY & ART

Hall A

10:30 - 12:30 **IVF Practice**
Capsule: *Many practical issues still unsettled?*

Expert opinion on controversial questions

Questions: Gonadotropins: How to start: low or regular dose?
Natural cycles for IVF - to whom?
Is there evidence to support the routine use of oral contraceptives in ART cycles?
Minimal monitoring of ovarian stimulation - is it safe?
ICSI for all patients?
ET technique - does it matter?
Assisted zona hatching - what is the evidence?
Cytoplasmic transfer - Is this procedure still performed?
Should we routinely support the luteal phase with aspirin or estradiol or both?
Why did we stop performing ZIFT?
What is the best method for the prevention of multiple pregnancies?

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 - 15:30 **PCOS**
Capsule: *Are we coming closer to understanding and treating this enigmatic endocrinopathy?*

DEBATE: **Metformin for all PCOS patients?**

Proposition: Metformin should be the first line of therapy in PCOS patients!

Opposition: No advantage to the use of Metformin for all PCOS patients!

Revisiting of the Rotterdam criteria for the definition of PCOS.

Are anti-androgens indicated for weight loss/metabolic syndrome in PCOS?

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:30 **Surgery to Increase IVF Success**
Capsule: *The dilemma with the following conditions is: Should we operate first or operate only when IVF fails?*

Resection of uterine septum or IVF - which comes first?

Should all fibroids be operated on before IVF?

Endometrioma - should this be managed before IVF?

Cost effectiveness of salpingectomy prior to IVF - RCT

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2007

08:00 - 10:00 **Endometriosis**
Capsule: *Can we choose between the many options of therapy of this poorly understood condition?*

Can we treat endometriosis based on symptoms and without a need for definitive diagnosis?

Can we effectively control endometriosis with new Medications?

What constitutes a centre of excellence for endometriosis treatment?

Is endometriosis an inflammatory disease?

Endometriomas stripping or coagulation?

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 - 12:30 **Recurrent Pregnancy Loss**
Capsule: *Can we offer effective treatment to recurrent pregnancy loss despite the fact that the etiology is often unknown?*

DEBATE: **Immunotherapy does not belong in treatment of recurrent pregnancy loss!**

Yes
No

Recurrent pregnancy loss is an endocrine problem requiring an endocrine treatment.

Luteal phase support - any evidence for the use of progesterone, estrogens, aspirin, steroids, antibiotics?

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GYNECOLOGY/ ENDOSCOPY/ MENOPAUSE AND FAMILY PLANNING Hall B

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2007

08:30 - 10:00 **Surgical Approach to Hysterectomy**
Capsule: *Patient interest is to be operated on by surgeons who master all techniques for hysterectomy!*

DEBATE: **What is the preferred route for hysterectomy?**
Proposition: Most uteri can be taken out by laparoscopy!
Opposition: Most uteri can be taken out vaginally!
Physicians should familiarize themselves with simpler methods for vaginal hysterectomy!

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 - 12:30 **HT in Menopause**
Capsule: *Can we revert to our old habits of HT prescription?*

DEBATE: **This house believes that HRT should be the first-line prevention for postmenopausal osteoporosis.**
For
Against

What are the alternative treatments for the prevention of osteoporosis?
Breast cancer - the choice of progestogen influences the risk of breast cancer?

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 - 15:30 **HT For the Prevention of CVD**
Capsule: *WHI results indicating a deleterious effect of HT on CVS remains controversial!*

HT and CVD: Can the starter effect be eliminated?

HT and CVD: How to define the therapeutic window?

HT: Is the low-dose concept appropriate for all organ systems?

HT: Is the non-oral route the future?

PCOS: Monitoring the cardiovascular system after menopause?

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:30 **Family Planning**
Capsule: *After so many years of use new information keeps emerging.*

Will the innovative methods of family planning replace the Pill?

Does the use of hormonal contraceptives affect bone-mineral density?

What are the health benefits of extended contraception versus cyclic contraception?

The future of permanent female contraception?

Session: **Treatment of female and Male sexual dysfunction**
Capsule: *With the means in hand to effectively treat sexual dysfunction the question remains who to treat and when?*

How do we define sexual desire / arousal problems in women?

Which patients with hypoactive sexual desire are suitable for Testosterone therapy?

How the treatment of Erectile dysfunction affects the female partner?

The Scientific rationale for the use of androgens in postmenopausal women?

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2007

08:00 - 10:00 **Treatment of Myomas**
Capsule: *The jury is still out on the dilemma of what is the right way to treat fibroids: surgical or non-surgical.*

Surgical treatment of leiomyomas: laparoscopy versus laparotomy.

Surgical excision versus surgical ablation of myomas with cryo or radiofrequency energy.

Radiological approach:
Is it as successful as surgery?
What are the risks?

Focused ultrasound:
what are the limitations?

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30-12:30 **HRT and Coronary Disease Prevention**

DEBATE: **This house believes that HRT will only prevent CHD in younger women without an existing disease.**

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The metabolic basis for CHD prevention with HRT.

The vascular basis for CHD prevention with HRT.



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12:30 - 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 - 15:30 **Pain and Endometriosis - Laparoscopic Approach**
Capsule: *Controlling pelvic pains requires surgical and medical skills.*
 Deep endometriosis: how to diagnose, when to treat?
 Surgery Vs. medical therapy in pelvic pain patients: what to prefer first?
 Presacral neurectomy: can it control pelvic pain?

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:30 **Anti Aging**
 How to select patients for Testosterone therapy?
 DHEA for longevity and quality of life?
 Hormone Replacement Therapy for male and nutraceutical alternatives.

SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2007

08:00 - 10:00 **Genital Malignancies**
Capsule: *Management of genital cancer keep evolving. Are the newer practice always based on evidence?*

DEBATE: **Should borderline potential malignant tumors of the ovaries be managed laparoscopically.**
Yes
No
 Neo-adjuvant chemotherapy for advanced-stage ovarian cancer and cervical cancer.
 Cervical cytology, HPV testing and the HPV vaccine - what does the future hold?

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 - 12:30 **The Evolution of Ovarian Cancer Management**

Capsule: *Are the new aggressive procedures coupled with better survival rates?*

DEBATE: **Aggressive cytoreductive surgery should be the first step in the management of ovarian cancer?**

Yes
No

Intraperitoneal chemotherapy for ovarian cancer: should it now be the standard of care?

Low potential malignant tumors of the ovary. To surgically "stage or not to stage"?

FETO-MATERNAL MEDICINE

HALL C

FRIDAY, MARCH 23, 2007

08:30 - 10:00 **Screening for Anomalies**
Capsule: *Can't we do without some of the screening tests for Down's Syndrome?*
 Down's Syndrome screening with nuchal translucency and nasal bone vs. maternal serum markers?
 The role of the integrated test in Down's Syndrome screening.
 Increased nuchal translucency with normal karyotype - fetal risks and outcome.
 Correlation between ultrasound soft markers and biochemical markers in the mid-second trimester.

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 - 12:30 **Intrauterine Growth Restriction**
Capsule: *What are the most appropriate strategies for preventing complications due to growth problems?*

Round Table Discussion - Questions:

What are the perinatal effects of IUGR?

How should we screen for fetal growth problems?

How do we diagnose fetal growth restriction?

What investigations should be done for decreased fetal movements?

What are the evidence-based protocols for antenatal surveillance?

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch Break

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HALL C

13:30 - 15:30 Prediction and Prevention of complications

Capsule: *What can be done to predict and prevent complications during pregnancy?*

Is the controversy on screening for gestational diabetes over?

Is the use of MgSO₄ preventive or only therapeutic?

STAN monitor, Pulse oximetry and Cervicometry: "in" or "out"?

Patient-choice Cesarean:
The role of evidence and ethics.

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:30 Diagnosis and treatment of fetal complications

Capsule: *Do we have evidence-based answers to these rare conditions?*

Treatment of twin to twin transfusion syndrome - the end of a long-standing misunderstanding.

Prenatal diagnosis and treatment of fetal infections:
CMV and Toxoplasmosis.

Is there a justification for umbilical cord occlusion in multiple pregnancies?
What is the best treatment for Acardiac twins?

SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 2007

08:00 - 10:00 Maternal Medicine: Pre-Eclampsia
Capsule: *Can we decrease mortality and morbidity through early diagnosis and treatment?*

Update of pathophysiology of pre-eclampsia.

Can we predict or prevent pre-eclampsia?

Proteomics in pre-eclampsia:
shedding light or adding confusion?

Can we manage pre-eclampsia effectively without knowing the pathophysiology?

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 - 12:30 Premature Labour

Advanced cervical dilatation with bulging membranes in mid-pregnancy:
the role of emergency cerclage.

Acute tocolysis: do we have a choice?
Tocolysis: is it outdated?

PROM after 34 weeks:
to induce or not to induce?

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch Break

13:30 - 15:30 Intrapartum Surveillance
Capsule: *Is it possible to minimize the risk of intrapartum asphyxia?*

Round-table discussion - Questions:

How do we assess 'fetal reserve'?

What is the evidence for intermittent vs. continuous monitoring?

How do we assess acid base status?

What are the new monitoring technologies?

Medicolegal implications .

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 - 17:30 Intrapartum Complications

Capsule: *How to cope with some of the common intrapartum complications?*

Delivery of the impacted fetus during caesarean section: an old issue revisited.

Delivery of potentially preventable complications: the cases of the macrosomic infant and the breech.

Fetal resuscitation: is it feasible?

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08:30 - 10:00 Severe Antepartum and Intrapartum Bleeding
Capsule: *Severe bleeding during pregnancy and after delivery still represents a challenge even for the experienced physician.*

Can we reduce the risks of abnormal placentation (previa & accreta): antepartum and intrapartum considerations.

Intractable operative bleeding.

Consumption coagulopathy: more than just blood replacement?

Uterine atony: what can be done before hysterectomy?

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 - 12:30 Delivery Practice
Capsule: *Do we have new answers to these old problems?*

VBAC: is it time to call it off?

Postdate: when and how to induce?

Can we save patients with amniotic fluid embolism?

The end of forceps & vacuum?

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Pre-Congress workshop only	150.00 €	180.00 €	210.00 €
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- submit an abstract for review by the Scientific Committee.
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