



# Southern California Assisted Reproductive Biologists Educational Symposium

Allegretto Vineyard Resort | February 27<sup>th</sup> - March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

## Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup>

### Time

4:00-6:00pm

Meeting Registration Open

### Speaker/Location

Allegretto Resort

## Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>

### Time

7:30-8:30am

Meeting Registration Open

### Speaker/Location

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8:00-8:30am

Breakfast

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8:30-8:40am

Welcome

Shane Zozula

### Segment 1

8:45-9:05am

Keynote: In Vitro Gametogenesis (IVG): Where We Are and What's Next

Bianka Seres, PhD

9:10-9:30am

A Novel Platform for Assessing Implantation Competency to Improve Culturing Protocols

Lesley Blankenship-Wiliams, PhD

9:35-9:55am

Therapeutic Interventions to Improve Egg Quality

Alexandre Webster, PhD

9:55-10:10am

Segment 1 - Questions and Discussions

10:10-10:30am

Coffee/Tea Break

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### Segment 2

10:35-10:55am

Creating an Ecosystem for Laboratory Control and Performance Enhancement

Nabil Arrach, PhD

11:00-11:20am

Bridging the Gap: A Reproductive Endocrinologist's Guide to the Endocrine Foundations of Assisted Reproduction

Don Royster, MD

11:25-11:45AM

Retinoic Acid: The First Non-Hormonal Treatment for Nonobstructive Azoospermia and Cryptozoospermia

Paul Turek, MD

11:45-12:00pm

Segment 2 - Questions and Discussions

12:00-1:00pm

Lunch

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## **Saturday, February 28th cont.**

### **Segment 3**

1:05 - 2:45pm Educational Rotations

2:45 - 2:50pm End of Day Remarks

6:00 - 9:30pm Dinner Allegretto Resort

## **Sunday, March 1st**

8:00 - 8:30am	Breakfast	Allegretto Resort
8:30 - 8:40am	Welcome	
Segment 4		
8:45 - 9:05am	New Findings on the Incidence of Haploidy and Triploidy in Trophectoderm Biopsies	Angela Linville, PhD
9:10 - 9:30am	A Novel Embryo Viability Assessment Platform (EM-Lux) For Non-Invasive Embryo Selection	Liesl Nel-Themaat, PhD
9:35 - 9:55am	Using SNP-NGS to Determine Embryo Ploidy Status	Claire Jones
9:55 - 10:10am	Segment 4 - Questions and Discussions	
10:10 - 10:30am	Coffee/Tea Break	Allegretto Resort
Segment 5		
10:35 - 10:55am	Clinically Relevant Concentrations of Volatile Organic Compounds Affect Embryonic Stress Markers	Morgan Orsolini
11:00 - 11:20am	Trends in Fast Vitrification and Warming	Kathrin Buchanan
11:25 - 11:45am	AI vs Human Intelligence II: From Integration to Innovation in the IVF Lab	Jimmy Diaz
11:45 - 12:00pm	Segment 5 - Questions and Discussions	
12:00 - 12:10pm	Closing Remarks	





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