



Southern California Assisted Reproductive Biologists Educational Symposium

Allegretto Vineyard Resort | February 27th - March 1st, 2026

Friday, February 27th

<u>Time</u>		<u>Speaker/Location</u>
4:00-6:00pm	Meeting Registration Open	Allegretto Resort

Saturday, February 28th

<u>Time</u>		<u>Speaker/Location</u>
7:30-8:30am	Meeting Registration Open	Allegretto Resort
8:00-8:30am	Breakfast	Allegretto Resort
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	Allegretto Resort
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	Allegretto Resort





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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 Trophoctoderm 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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