

MEFS 2020

27th Annual Meeting



Join us

The Middle East Fertility Society (MEFS) is a 27 year-old professional society whose mission is to improve fertility care of couples in the Middle East and the World through the transfer of medical knowledge and the promotion of scientific research. The society has become a vehicle of knowledge dissemination and a platform for research collaboration in the whole region.

MEFS regroups nowadays a large and diverse group of scientists and professionals, including Fertility Specialists, Reproductive Endocrinologists, Urologists, Reproductive Surgeons, Embryologists, Gynecologists & Obstetricians, Fertility Nurses, and other allied health professionals from the Middle East, North Africa and the rest of the World.

The annual scientific event has traditionally become the meeting point where all fertility specialists across the Middle East find the opportunity to exchange scientific information, renew social bonds, strengthen national solidarity, and consolidate cultural heritage.

This year, we deliver **MEFS Annual Congress on December 4-5, 2020 in its Virtual Platform** right into the safety and warmth of your working space. We hope you enjoy a wealth of cutting-edge knowledge in Human Reproduction and a myriad of unique expertise from renowned authorities from all over the world.

Please note that **Times are displayed in Beirut time**, so you need to *adjust the time zone differences* according to your own location.

WELCOME TO MEFS 2020



Dear Friends, Colleagues and Guests

It gives me a great delight and honor to welcome you to MEFS 2020 Annual Congress. Amidst all uncertainties and turmoil we have experienced over the past year, it feels good to finally come together by year-end with MEFS Virtual Congress on December 4 and 5, 2020.

The Organizing Committee has put together a sophisticated and comprehensive scientific program designed to meet your needs and today's challenges. I truly hope this virtual meeting would bring you the science we are accustomed to and the warmth that makes MEFS experience unique.

I welcome you with open heart to MEFS 2020 Virtual congress and hope to meet you in Cyber Space during the Q&A sessions.

Botros Rizk
MEFS President

MEFS 2020 Virtual Congress

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The aim of MEFS is to provide a forum for the exchange and discussion of new clinical and scientific ideas. The Middle East Fertility Society, in good faith assume that all participants will respect the non- political nature of its annual meeting.

Equal Opportunity Statement

MEFS values and endorses diversity and tolerance among its members, officers, and staff. The Society prohibits discrimination based on race, color, religion, gender, sexual orientation, citizenship, disability, or others prohibited by Law.

Disclaimer Statement

The content and views presented in this Scientific Congress belong to the invited faculty and do not necessarily reflect those of the Middle East Fertility Society. Participants are therefore encouraged to review other medical resources before implementing changes about patient care to their clinical practice.

Language

English is the official language of the meeting. There will be no simultaneous translation.

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FRIDAY DECEMBER 4, 2020

BEIRUT TIME

09:00 – 09:30	MEFS 2020 Opening Ceremony
09:30 – 09:55	Professor AboulGhar KEYNOTE LECTURE CME
	The use of stem cells for ovarian rejuvenation: What's Up? Antonio Pellicer (Spain)
09:55 – 10:00	Q&A
10:00 – 10:30	Ferring Symposium: Megaset-HR: The latest RCT evaluating HP-hMG vs. rFSH in predicted hyper-responders Nick Raine-Fenning (UK)
10:30 – 11:30	Plenary session I: What to do to improve endometrial implantation? CME
10:30 – 10:55	Repeated implantation failure: Myth or reality Paul Pirtea (France)
10:55 – 11:00	Q&A
11:00 – 11:25	Endometrial scratching for recurrent implantation failure: A tale from the past? Yacoub Khalaf (UK)
11:25 – 11:30	Q&A
11:30 – 12:00	Break / Virtual Exposition
12:00 – 12:30	Merck Symposium

12:30 – 13:30	Plenary session II: What to do to improve endometrial implantation? CME
12:30 – 12:55	Is immunomodulation effective in improving endometrial receptivity in women with recurrent implantation failure? Nick Macklon (Denmark)
12:55 – 13:00	Q&A
13:00 – 13:25	The endometrial microbiota environment and embryo implantation: Are we there? Juan Velasco Garcia (Spain)
13:25 – 13:30	Q&A
13:30 – 14:30	Break / Virtual Exposition
14:30 – 15:30	Roche Satellite Symposium: “ Women health from fertility to delivery”
14:30 – 14:50	Preeclampsia testing (sFlt-1/PIGF) and the clinical role in the early diagnosis and ruling in/out of preeclampsia , Manu Vatish (UK)
14:50 – 15:00	Q&A
15:00 – 15:20	AMH in the assessment of fertility and beyond Majed A. Al Hudhud (UK)
15:20 – 15:30	Q&A
15:30 – 16:00	KEYNOTE LECTURE CME
	The impact of prior and novel coronaviruses on human reproduction: What is known? Hugh Taylor (USA)
15:55 – 16:00	Q&A

16:00 – 17:00	Debate: Is it all about embryo biopsy? CME
16:00 – 16:25	Non-invasive preimplantation genetic testing: How far away? Carmen Garcia (Spain)
16:25 – 16:50	Not even noninvasive cell-free DNA can rescue preimplantation genetic testing Norbert Gleicher (USA)
16:50 – 17:00	Q&A
17:00 – 17:30	Break / Virtual Exposition
17:30 – 1800	BabyCord Stemcells & Tissue Bank- Jordan Symposium
17:30 – 17:50	Transplantation of frozen-thawed ovarian tissue and factors affecting outcomes Anette Tonnes Pedersen (Denmark)
17:50– 18:00	Q&A
18:00 – 18:30	KEYNOTE LECTURE CME
18:00 – 18:30	Endometrial genomic screening for the proper timing of embryo transfer Christos Coutifaris (USA)
18:30 – 18:40	Q&A
18:40 – 19:00	CONCLUDING REMARKS

SATURDAY DECEMBER 5, 2020

10:00 – 10:30	The Prince Sultan Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud KEYNOTE LECTURE CME
	Limiting factors for creating oocytes from germ cells Claus Andersen Yding (Denmark)
10:25 – 10:30	Q&A
10:30 – 11:30	Plenary session: Recurrent pregnancy loss CME
10:30 – 10:55	
10:55 – 11:00	Q&A
11:00 – 11:25	Uterine causes of recurrent pregnancy loss M Carbonnel (France)
11:25 – 11:30	Q&A
11:30 – 12:00	Break / Virtual Exposition
12:00 – 13:30	Plenary session I: Selecting the right embryo CME
12:00 – 12:25	Clinical key performance indicators (KPIs) in ART Dominique de Ziegler (France)
12:25 – 12:30	Q&A
12:30 – 12:55	Biological key performance indicators (KPIs) in ART Laura Rienzi (Italy)
12:55 – 13:00	Q&A
13:00 – 13:25	Selecting the right embryo: contribution of time lapse technology Marine Poulain (France)
13:25 – 13:30	Q&A

13:30 – 14:30 Break / Virtual Exposition

14:30 – 15:00 **KEYNOTE LECTURE**

CME

14:30 – 14:55 **Gene editing of pre-implanted embryos: Are we there yet?**
Gerald Schatten (USA)

14:55 – 15:00 Q&A

15:00– 16:30 **Plenary session: Improving ART outcome**

CME

15:00 – 15:25 **Mosaic embryo from PGT-A cycles: to discard or to transfer?**
Elias Dahdouh (Canada)

15:25 – 15:30 Q&A

15:30 – 15:55 **The recent evidence for less medications in IVF**
Suheil Muasher (USA)

15:55– 16:00 Q&A

16:00 – 16:25 **What can we do to improve endometrial thickness prior to embryo transfer?**
Ertug Kovanci (USA)

16:25 – 16:30 Q&A

16:30 – 17:30 **Plenary session: Endometrial receptivity**

CME

16:30 – 16:55 **Strategies to Reduce Early Implantation Failure and Pregnancy Loss**
William Kutteh (USA)

16:55 – 17:00 Q&A

17:00 – 17:25 **Uterine transplantation: state of the art**
Jean Marc Ayoubi (France)

17:25 -17:30 Q&A

17:30 - 18:00	KEYNOTE LECTURE CME
17:30- 17:55	Successful, simple IVM and why it works: Lessons from in vitro gametogenesis? Sherman Silber (USA)
17:55 – 18:00	Q&A
18:00	CONCLUDING CEREMONY

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