## Experience & The Practical Aspects of Donor Egg Banking

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## **Learning Objectives**

- Recognize the various knowledge and skills needed to successfully cryopreserve oocytes.
- Identify the various clinical and laboratory/technological aspects that is required to successfully manage donor egg cryo treatments.
- Manage adequate patient handling (both donors and recipients) and system operation factors that impacts outcomes.

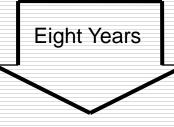
#### **Presentation review:**

- History
- Needs/indications
- Safety issues
- Existing techniques
- Results of egg/embryo freezing
- Future Perspectives / Conclusions

### Oocyte Freezing History: Human

1986: Slow freeze, DMSO (Chen, Australia)

- 1987: Slow freeze, DMSO (Van Uem, West Germany)
- 1989: Slow freeze, PROH and DMSO (Siebzehnrübl, West Germany)



1997: Slow freeze, PROH and Sucrose - ICSI (Porcu, Italy)

1998: Slow freeze, PROH and Sucrose - Immature/Donor oocytes

(Tucker, USA)

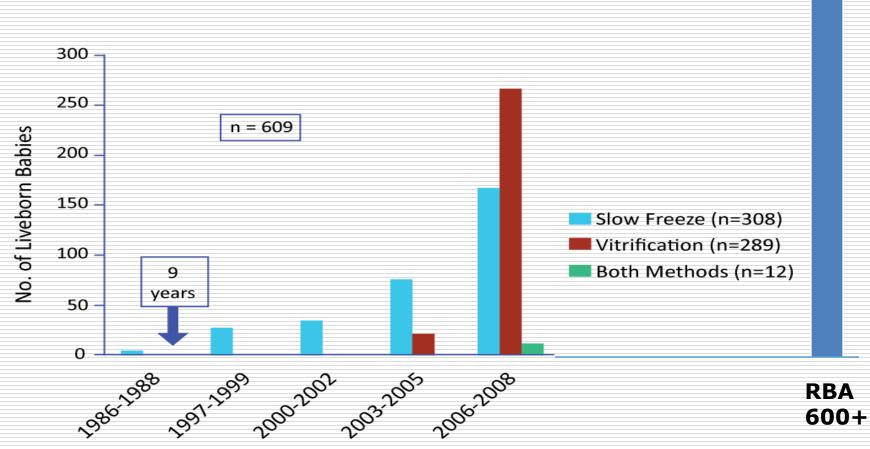
1999: Vitrification, EG and Sucrose - open pulled straws (Kuleshova, Australia)

2000: Vitrification: EG and Sucrose - electron microscope grid (Yoon, Cha, Korea)

2002: Slow freeze, Choline-based medium (Quintans, Argentina) 2003: Vitrification, EG, DMSO and Sucrose - Cryotop<sup>™</sup> (Katayama, USA)

#### **Oocyte cryopreservation**

#### Number of Live Births 1986 to 2008



Adapted with permission. Noyes N, Porcu E Borini A. Reprod BioMed Online 2009. http://www.rbmonline.com/Article/3971 [e-pub ahead of print on 8 April 2009].

# Why Vitrification?

# Efficiency

# Safety

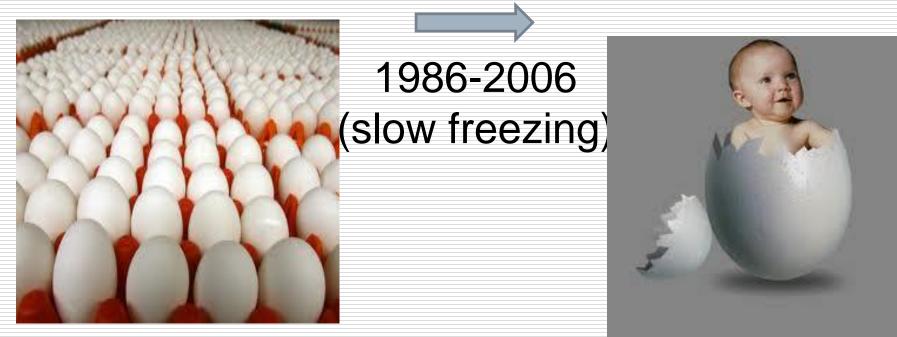
Base medium + Cryoprotectant

Base medium

#### Need for an efficient technique

#### Challenge: Efficiency

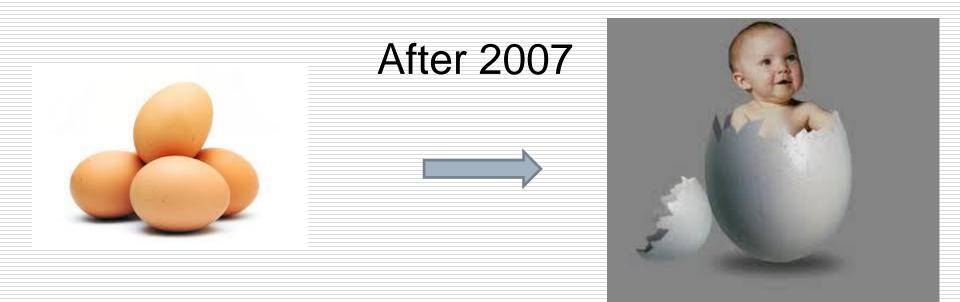
100-150 cryo eggs 1 pregnancy (= 10-15 patients / trials)



#### Need for an efficient technique

#### Challenge: Solved today?



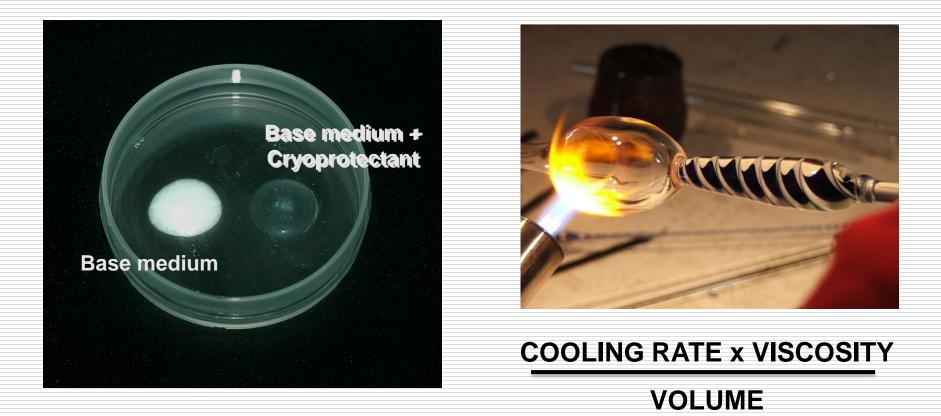


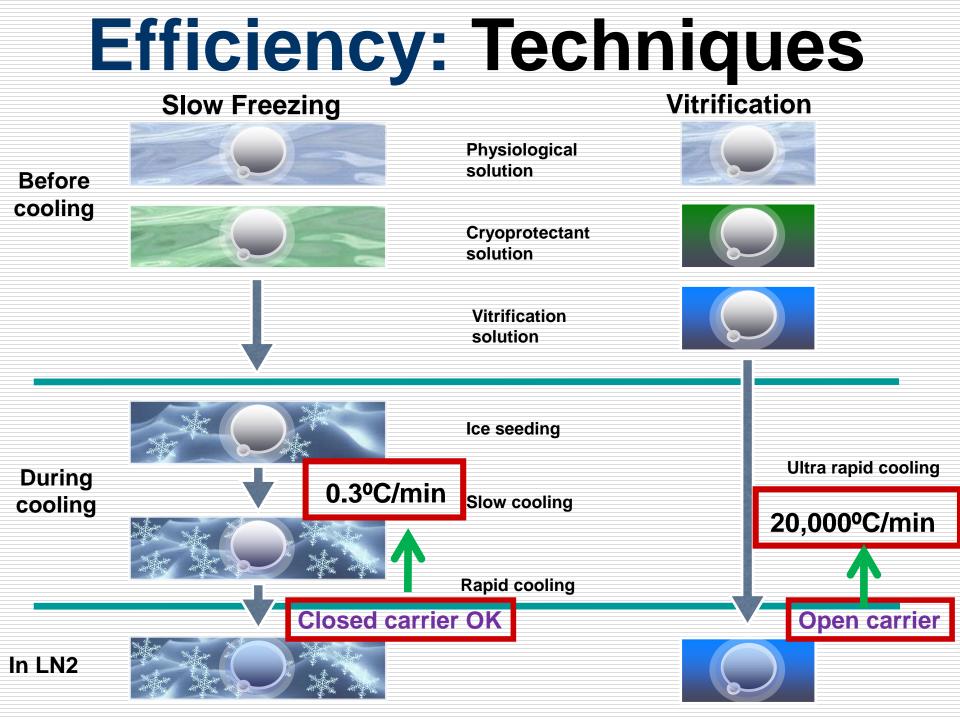
## **Comparing Slow freezing** with Vitrification

Slow freezing		Vitrification			
Authors	Survival	Pregnancy	Authors	Survival	Pregnancy
Chen et al (1988)	75%	33%	Kuwayama et al (2005)	90%	41%
Li et al (2005)	90%	47%	Chian et al (2005)	94%	47%
Borini et al (2006)	74%	9%	Lucena et al (2006)	84%	57%
Barritt et al (2007)	86%	*75%	Cobo et al (2008)	97%	48%
Parmegiani et al (2008)	75%	19%	Nagy et al (2009)	88%	75%

## WHAT IS VITRIFICATION?

Vitrification is a process that produces a glasslike solidification of living cells not by crystallization but by an extreme elevation of viscosity during the cooling





# Efficiency: Techniques

#### **Cryoprotective Agents**

#### Permeating

Affect / pass through cell membranes

Interact with and replace H<sub>2</sub>O

Lower freezing point

Toxicity with T<sup>o</sup> and Concentration

PROH

DMSO

Glycerol

Ethylene Glycol

Increased

Permeability

<u>Non-Permeating</u> Do not pass through cell membranes Create osmotic gradient / Dehydration (High MW: >1000)

Glucose Sucrose

Ficoll

## **Safety Issues**

#### Cytoplasmic and Cytoskeleton damage

zona pellucida hardening

membrane permeability

Meiotic spindle depolymerization

Impact on oocyte physiology

Polar body degeneration/fusion

# Indications for egg freezing

Government restrictions / legislation

#### Fertility Preservation

- Medical
- Social

Donor oocyte banking

- "Emergency" / Rescue
- Moral/Ethical/Religious

## Results

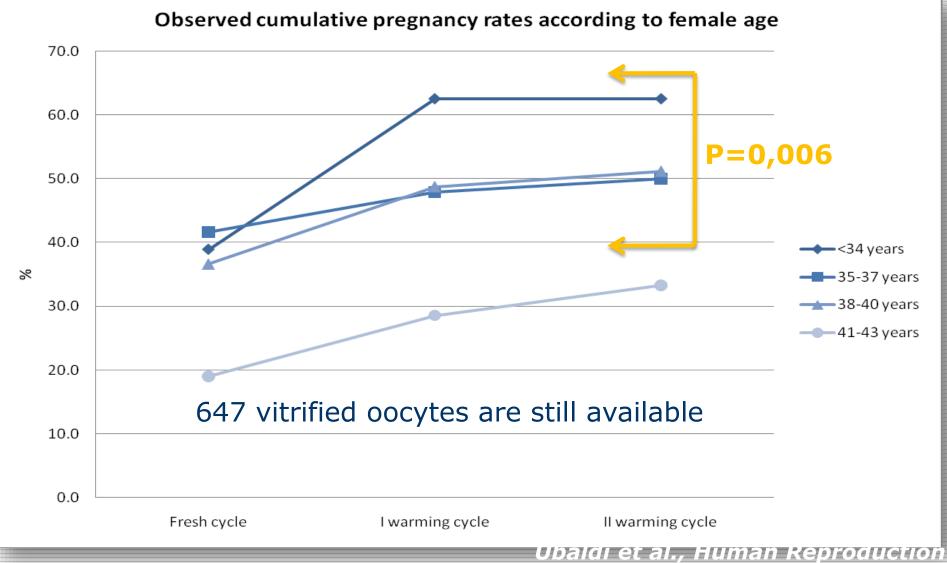
## **Autologous cycles**

# **Efficiency:** Results

## Fertilization and embryo development of fresh and vitrified sibling oocytes

Rienzi 2010 HR	Fresh ICSI	Cryo ICSI (%)	Р
Fertilization (2PN)	100/120 (83.3) <sup>b</sup>	95/124 (76.6) <sup>a</sup>	0.20
Normal 2PN morphology	96/100 (96.0) <sup>c</sup>	86/95 (90.5) <sup>c</sup>	0.16
Degenerated oocytes	1/120 (0.83) <sup>b</sup>	4/120 (3.34) <sup>b</sup>	0.37
Day 2 embryo development	100/100 (100) <sup>c</sup>	93/95 (97.9) <sup>c</sup>	0.24
Excellent quality embryos	52/100 (52.0) <sup>d</sup>	49/95 (51.6) <sup>d</sup>	0.90
Good quality embryos	38/100 (38.0) <sup>d</sup>	41/95 (43.2) <sup>d</sup>	0.47
Fair/poor quality embryos	10/100 (10.0) <sup>d</sup>	3/95 (3.16) <sup>d</sup>	0.10

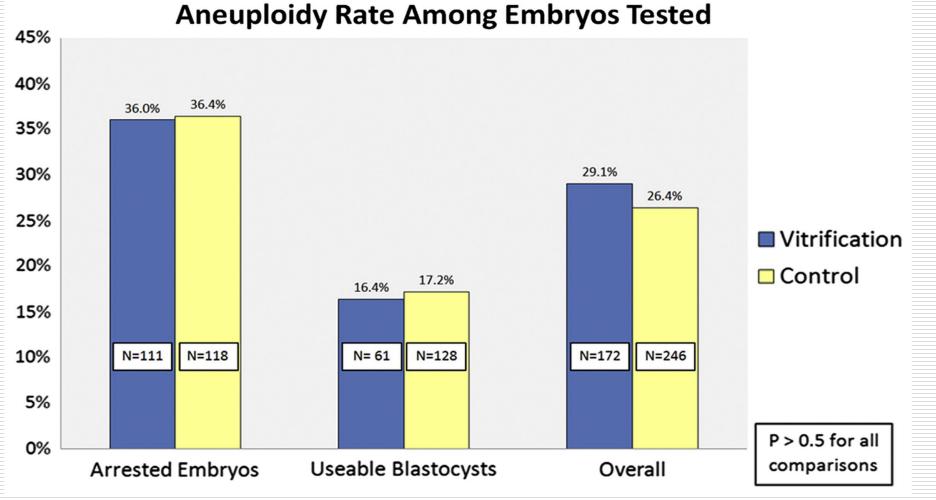
#### Cumulative ongoing pregnancy rate achieved with oocyte vitrification and cleavage stage transfer without embryo selection in a standard infertility program.



### **RBA experience: IVF patients 32–39 years**

	Young 30-36 y (n=11)	Advanced 37–39 y (n=11)	Р
Patient age (mean±SD)	$32.9 \pm 1.9$	37.9 ±0.8	<.01
Survival rate (%)	82.5	76.4	NS
Fertilization rate (%)	70.1	62.9	NS
Day 3 good Embryo (%)	55.6	40.4	<.05
Embryos transferred	24 (2.18)	29 (2.64)	NS
Clinical pregnancies (%)	7/11 (63.6)	3/11 (27.3)	NS
Implantations (%)	10/24 (41.7)	6/29 (20.7)	NS
Take home babies (%)	6/11 (54.5)	2/11 (18.2)	NS
No. of live births	8	3	—
Oocyte to Live birth (%)	8/97 (8.2)	3/89 (3.3)	NS

# **Oocyte vitrification and embryonic aneuploidy**



Forty-four patients with a mean age of 29.9  $\pm$  2.3, 588 eggs

Forman et al. FS 2012

## Results

# **Donor Egg Banking**

## **RBA experience on oocyte** vitrification

	Cryo Egg	Fresh Egg
Recipients	20	10
M2 Egg/Pat	7.7	31.7
Es for ET (x)	47 (2.4)	19 (2.1)
Es for Cryo (x)	31 (1.5)	141 (16)
PR (IR)	75% (54%)	56% (47%)
Cumulative PR	85%	78%
<b>Recipients</b> Pregr	nant 17	7

Nagy et al, 2009

#### Disadvantages of "fresh" ovum donation programs

- Complexity in synchronization between donor and recipient
- Long waiting lists
- Uncertainty regarding the date of the donation
- Long E2 replacement
- Limited choice
- > No quarantine period (HIV and others infectious agents)
- Supernumerary embryos cryostorage (moral ?)

#### + Oocyte-banking alleviates logistic aspects

6 years-experience of an ovum donation program using cryo-banked oocytes.

# RBA experience on oocyte freezing: cryo egg bank (donor)

Donor selection:	young (<31; mean 27y.) & healthy
Stimulation:	rFSH with antagonist or agonist
Egg collection:	36 h post hCG and decumulation
Vitrification sol.:	Ethylene glycol & DMSO
Warming:	Three steps; 1.0 M, 0.5 M, 0 M sucrose
ICSI:	3 h post thaw / ET on Day 5
Recipient:	Usual LEP, 6 eggs per warming

#### **RBA experience on oocyte freezing Cryo Egg Bank (donor)**

- 342Don. 463cl. (26.5y.) 11553 Vit (24.9/don)
- 1145 Rec. 41.1y 7063 Warmed (6.2/R.)
- **Survived** 6338 (89.7%)
- **Fertilized** 5348 (84.4%)
- □Blastocysts 3497 (65.4%)
- **No of Es for ET**
- **No of Es for Cryo**

- 1579 (1.38 / Recip.)
- 1928 (1.68 / Recip.)

#### **RBA experience on oocyte freezing Cryo Egg Bank (donor)**

#### **1145 Transfers**

+FCA

EΤ

## 652 (56.9%)

## No of FCAs 676 (42.8%)

## **HCG versus Lupron trigger**

	Antagonist	Antagonist	P value
Nagy et al.,RBA 2010	+ HCG trigger	+ Lupron trigger	
# of donor (mean age±SD)	93 (26.35±2.9)	9 (26.57±2.54)	P=0.8265
# of recipient (mean age±SD)	207 (41.05±4.75)	19 (39.47±4.04)	P=0.1619
# of egg warmed	1325 (6.40±1.99)	108 (5.68±0.94)	P=0.1205
(mean±SD)			
# of egg survived (%)*	1150 (86.8%)	103 (95.3%)	P=0.0064
# of egg fertilized (%)	999 (86.8%)	93 (90.3%)	P=0.3604
# of embryo cleaved (%)	976 (97.7%)	92 (98.9%)	P=0.7144
# of ET (mean±SD)	419 (2.02±0.43)	35 (1.84±0.37)	P=0.0790
# of (+) hCG (%)	149 (71.9%)	13 (68.4%)	P=0.7916
# of Clinical PR(%)	126 (60.8%)	11 (57.9%)	P=0.8102
# of Implantation (%)	193 (46.0%)	12 (34.3%)	P=0.2168

#### Fresh vs. vitrified donor egg outcomes

(same donors May 2006- March 2009)

	Cryo oocyte	Fresh oocyte	Р
Number of donors	81	81	NA
Number of recipients	100	91	NA
Mean age (±SD) of recipients	40.9 (±4.9)	41.2 (±4.7)	NS
Mean number of oocytes per recipients	7.1	25.28	<.001
Mean number of oocytes for ICSI	6.0	15.0	<.001
Average 2PN ICSI fertilization rate	77%	57%	<.001
Implantation Rate	52%	56%	NS
Mean number of embryos cryopreserved	1.5 (±1.5)	12.5 (±8.8)	<.001
Clinical pregnancy rate	67%	69%	NS
Multiple Pregnancy rate	44%	46%	NS

Nagy ZP, et al., RBA 2009

#### Egg-banking in ovum donation. RCT

	Egg- bank	Fresh	P value
Number of subjects	295	289	
MII oocytes retrieved	<b>3286</b> (11.1 ±3.2)	<b>3185</b> (11.0 ±2.8)	0.634
Survival rate	3039 (92.5)	-	-
<b>Oocytes inseminated</b>	<b>3039</b> (10.3±2.9)	<b>3185</b> (11.2 ±3.4)	0.091
Fertilization rate (2PN)	2256 (74.2)	2334 (73.3)	0.393
Top quality day-3 embryos/inseminated oocyte	1098 (36.1)	1201 (37.7)	0.198
<b>Clinical Pregnancy Rate</b>	50.2%	<b>49.8</b> %	NS

Cobo et al Hum Reprod. 2010

#### **Consistent results in two unrelated Egg Banks**

	IVI	RBA
Number of donation cycles	1051	168
Number of recipient cycles	919	322
Mean age (±SD) of recipients	<b>41.2</b> ± <b>4.3</b>	41.1 ± 4.9
Total (Mean±SD) number of oocytes warmed per recipient	12786 (12.9 ± 4.0)	2001 (6.2 ± 1.9)
Total (Mean±SD) number of oocytes for ICSI	11949 (11.4 ± 3.4)	1750 (5.4 ± 1.7)
Average 2PN ICSI fertilization rate	8920 (74.7)	1494 (85.4)
% of Good quality Embryos on Day-3 (per inseminated oocyte)*1	5366/11949 (44.9)	979/1750 (55.9)
% of Good quality Embryos on Day-5 (per embryo subjected to extended culture)*1	1427/3568 (39.9)	582/1185 (49.1)
Implantation Rate	655/1655 (39.6)	255/577 (44.2)
Total (Mean±SD) number of embryos cryod	1915 (1.8 ± 2.0)	414 (1.3 ± 1.5)
Clinical pregnancies (rate /transfer) *2	502 (55.4)	182 (56.5)
Infants born*3	343 (180 female;163 male)	146 (64 female;82 male)

## Is elective single embryo transfer a viable option in oocyte cryopreservation program?



### Results

eSET	eDET	Non-eDET
98	109	233
51	112	171
(52%)	(51%)	(37.5%)
51 (52%)	79 (72.4%)*	121 (51.9%)
0 (0%)*	40 (50.6%)	37 (30%)
	98 51 (52%) 51 (52%) 0	98       109         51       112         (52%)       (51%)         51       79         (52%)       (72.4%)*         0       40

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# **Efficiency: Results**

#### Once vitrified, twice vitrified...



#### **Frozen Embryos From Frozen Eggs**

100 patients (Cryo Egg Bank) <u>Cryo Embryo</u>				
Number of warmed embryos 190				
Survived	189 (99%)			
No of Es for ET (x)	176 (1.8)*			
Pregnancies (Clinical)	53 (53%)			
Implantation / FCA	68 (39%)			
Miscarriages	12			
Live births (limited data)	33			
Girls	15			
Boys	18			

\* Four of these embryos were biopsied in the first cycle, then vitrified

#### **Practical questions**

#### Transporting vitrified oocytes (embryos)?

	Control	Nitrogen vapor shipment	P value
# of Recipient		5	NA
# of donor		5	NA
# of egg warmed	21	12	NA
# of egg survived	19/21 (90.4)	12/12 (100)	0.5227
# of fertilized (%)	12/21 (57.1)	11/12 (91.6)	0.0545
<pre># of grade A embryo on Day 3 (%)</pre>	9/21 (42.8)	6/12 (50.0)	0.7307

#### **Experience of two Egg Banks**

## My Egg Bank-North America (MEB-NA)

## Donor Egg Bank USA (DEB USA)

## My Egg Bank-NA

- Established in 12/2010
  - Core partnerships
    - Seattle Reproductive Medicine
    - Reproductive Science Center of New England
    - Center for Reproductive Medicine-Orlando
    - Reproductive Biology Associates-Atlanta
  - Currently inventory is held by partner centers
  - Agreements with Affiliated clinics
    - 60 + affiliated practices
      - Tech
      - Non-tech

### My Egg Bank-NA Frozen Donor Egg cycles; 2006-2013\*

- Approximately 2000 completed cycles
- Approximately 1150 delivered or ongoing pregnancies
- Approximately 1000 babies born (includes twins)
- MEB partners with 1.4-1.7 embryos per ET (2013)
- Anticipated demand for 2014
  - 1200 cycles
  - 10,000 vitrified oocytes needed
    - 400+ donors required to fill demand

\*Prior to October, 2012 all MEB cycles were performed at RBA or with oocytes vitrified in the RBA lab. After October, 2012 cases were performed network-wide with eggs from all four centers.

### First full year of operation as a network-2013

#### Egg "Production"

- 337 donor retrievals
- 7881 eggs vitrified
  - 6-8 eggs/lot; approx 1200 egg lots generated
- Egg Shipping
  - 672 egg lots shipped
- Training
  - 30 + Centers trained at RBA
- Utilization
  - 628 embryo transfers at the four partner centers,
  - Approx 200 ET in the affiliate centers

### **2013 Preliminary Outcomes**

#### Partner Centers

- 4600+ eggs warmed
  - 87% survival\*
  - 88% fertilization\*
- 613 transfers
  - 421 positive hCG (69%)
  - Approx 360 ongoing (59%)
  - More than 60% done as SET
  - Over 50% of cycles with additional embryos for cryo\*

\* Estimates based on incomplete data

### **Affiliate Outcomes**

Affiliates are obligated to report embryology and

clinical outcomes

Contracted to maintain embryology and clinical

benchmarks

Remediation required if benchmarks are not met

### Top performing MEB affiliate #1

- 24 Egg Thaws
  - Survival > 90%,
  - Fert Rate >85%
  - 23 ET, 22 SET, 1 DET
  - 18/24 + Beta hCG (75%)
  - 17/24 ongoing(70.8%)
  - 75% of patients had embryos cryo'd
  - Eggs sourced at all four partner centers

### **Top performing MEB affiliate #2**

#### 49 Egg thaws

- >90% survival
- >85% fertilization
- 46 ET, 2 'freeze all', 1 No ET
  - Average # of embryos transferred = 1.37
- 39/49 + Beta hCG (75.5%)
- 31/49 ongoing (63%)
- 47% of cases with embryos for cryo

# Example of an MEB center with multiple areas for concern

(93%)

- 7 egg thaws thus far
  - 46 eggs warmed
  - 43 survived
  - 38 X 2PN (88%)
  - 12 'good quality embryos' on d3 (31%)
  - 10 blasts (26%)
  - 1 ongoing pregnancy
    - Day 3 ET X 2 both negative
    - Day 5 DET X 5 one positive

### MEB affiliate case study

#### **Prior to remediation**

- 18 egg thaw cycles
- Good survival, fertilization, and adequate blastulation rate (48%)
- Only 4 ongoing pregnancies (22%)
- Review requested by MEB after 11<sup>th</sup> egg thaw (3 + beta hCG)
- Recipient Protocol deviations noted in review of cycle summaries
- Center advised to follow MEB approved replacement protocols

#### After remediation

- 12 egg thaw cycles
- Equally good embryology
- 9 ongoing pregnancies (75%)

### **Operational overview**

- Central office records each registrant to the Egg Bank
- Central office maintains web based donor roster and inventory adjustments
- Centralized staff monitors protocol across the network and collects outcome data
- Central staff generates Standards for Operation and monitors adherence
- Regular teleconferences for laboratory, clinical, business and nursing directors

### **Operational overview**

#### Network-wide standards for

- Donor screening/selection
  - Genetics/history/health/FDA
  - Psych Evaluation
  - AMH/BAF
- Donor management
  - Stim protocol
  - Agonist trigger
- Recipient screening
  - Male factor minimums
  - Uterine factor
- Replacement Protocol
- Lab standards

### **Clinical Elements of Success**

- Careful donor selection
- Adherence to consistent standards for donor screening and management
- Strict adherence to recipient screening paradigms
- Standardized recipient replacement protocols
- Centralized management to reduce the number of 'cooks'
- Minimalist approach
- Case review

### DEB USA Multi-Site Experience 2012 – December 26, 2013

# thaw cycles	626	
Average #/thaw	6.2	
# eggs thawed	3,881	
# survived	3,337 (86%)	
# 2PN	2,536 (76%)	
# transfers	582	
# cancelled	44 (7%)	
	<pre># thaw cycles Average #/thaw # eggs thawed # survived # 2PN # transfers # cancelled</pre>	Average #/thaw       6.2         # eggs thawed       3,881         # survived       3,337 (86%)         # 2PN       2,536 (76%)         # transfers       582

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### DEB USA Multi-Site Experience 2012 – December 26, 2013

#### All Transfers Day 3 and Blastocyst

Clinical Pregnancy/ET	291 (50%)	
SAB	36	
Ongoing Pregnancy	255	
Ongoing/ET	43.8%	
Ongoing/Thaw	40.7%	
Singleton	71%	
Twin	28%	
Triplet	< 1% Slide is courtesy of I	DEB USA

#### DEB USA Multi-Site Experience 2012 – December 26, 2013 Day 3 Transfers

# Day 3 ET	296	
Average # ET day 3	1.8	
Clinical Pregnancy/ET	119 (42%)	
SAB	18	
Ongoing/ET	101 (34%)	

#### DEB USA Multi-Site Experience 2012 – December 26, 2013 Blastocyst Transfers

# Day 5 ET	286
Average # ET day 5	1.6
Clinical Pregnancy/ET	172 (60%)
SAB	18
Ongoing/ET	154 (54%)

### Clinical Outcome by # Eggs Thawed

# of Eggs	# of Cycle	Preg	Clinical/ ET	Clinical/ Thaw	SAB	СХ	Ongoing/ ET	Ongoing/ Thaw
9	2	1	50.0%	50.0%	0	0	50.0%	50.0%
8	17	5	31.3%	29.4%	0	1	31.3%	29.4%
7	176	85	51.2%	48.3%	12	8	44.0%	41.5%
6	341	154	47.7%	45.2%	23	18	42.1%	39.9%
5	101	46	54.8%	45.5%	1	17	53.6%	44.6%

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### DEB USA 2012-13 Frozen Egg Cycles

- 626 Thaw Cycles
- 238 Cycles with Vitrified Blastocysts (1.8/cycle)
- 428 Vitrified Blastocysts
- 35% Vitrified Blastocysts expected to Deliver
- 150 Babies

### Pregnancy Outcome per Number of Eggs Retrieved

#Eggs	# Transfers	Ongoing/ Thaw	#M2s	# Transfers	Ongoing/ Thaw
>40	144	59 (41%)	>40	10	4 (40%)
30-39	179	85 (47%)	30-39	152	61 (40%)
20-29	199	80 (40%)	20-29	203	97 (48%)
15-19	95	40 (42%)	15-19	173	73 (42%)
<15	26	12 (46%)	<15	105	41 (39%)
Total:	643	276 (43%)	Total:	643	276 (43%)

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### **Internal Freeze – Internal Thaw**

	Center 1	Center 2	Center 3 (SG)
n	15	12	57
Survival %	91.8%	86.1%	90.2%
Fert %	85.4%	73.3%	75.6%
Clev %	97.4%	93.2%	84.7%
Clinical Preg/ET	46.7%	40.0%	58.2%
Ongoing/Thaw	40.0%	25.0%	52.6%

### Internal Freeze – External Thaw

	SG-MD	
n	234	
Survival %	89.9%	
Fert %	76.7%	
Clev %	95.9%	
Clinical Preg/ET	49.6%	
Ongoing/Thaw	41.9%	
Ongoing/Egg Lot	48.5%	

### **External Freeze – Internal Thaw**

SG-MD	
4.40	
n 142	
Survival % 85.6%	
Fert % 74.9%	
Clev % 89.9%	
Clinical Preg/ET 51.5%	
Ongoing/Thaw 42.8%	
Ongoing/Egg Lot 44.2%	

### **Outcomes by Embryologist - Freezing**

Freeze Tech	Dec n	<b>Ongoing/ET</b>	
K-S	28	60.7%	
PD-S	22	59.1%	
JG-S	52	55.78%	
JL-S	113	50.9%	
TH-S	51	45.1%	
K-R	22	40.9%	
B-B	27	40.7%	
TB-S	26	38.5%	
S-F	26	26.9%	
B-F	18	22.2% Slide is cour	tesy of DEB USA

### Pregnancy Outcome Per Endometrial Thickness

	<7.0mm	7-8mm	8-9mm	9-10mm	10- 11mm	11- 12mm	>12mm
Total ET	8	38	152	98	68	75	117
Clinical Pregnancy	2 (25%)	11 (29%)	70 (46%)	47 (48%)	39 (57%)	37 (49%)	56 (48%)
SAB	0	1	12	6	5	3	5
Ongoing	2 (25%)	10 (26%)	58 (38%)	41 (42%)	34 (50%)	34 (45%)	51 (44%)

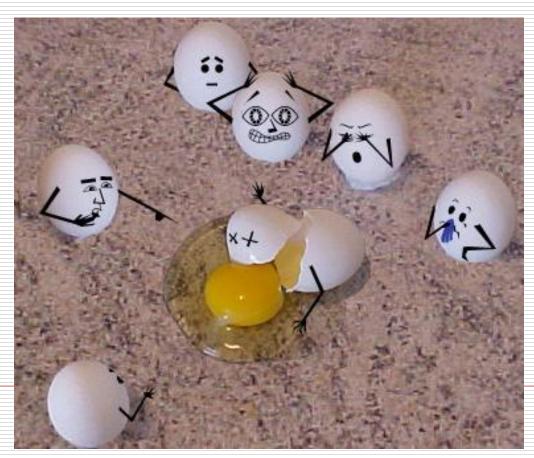
### What Causes a Poor Thaw Cycle?

#### Donor

- Stimulation
- Inherent Oocyte Potential
- Oocyte Response to Vitrification
- Vitrification Technique
- Shipping/Transport
- Thaw
  - Technique
  - Sperm/Male Factor
  - Embryology Quality

Safety

## **Oocyte cryopreservation**



### Oocyte cryopreservation birth 'case reports' 1986–2008

Parameter	Cryopreservation method				
	Slow-freeze	Vitrification	Both		
No. of embryo transfers	1974	834	19		
No. of liveborn babies	282	285	12		
Baby gender (gender information available for 168 slow-freeze, 189 vitrification and 12 both methods)	99 female, 69 male	86 female, 103 male	8 female, 4 male		
Birth defects		2 ventricular septal defect, 1 biliary atresia, 1 clubfoot, 1 skin haemangioma			

#### Live Birth Data from Egg Cryo from RBA Updated by end 2011

	Fresh Donor	Cryo Donor
No. of patients / Deliveries	58	257
Recipient Age	<b>39.9</b> <u>+</u> 5.6	<b>41.3</b> <u>+</u> 4.5
Live births (infants born)	91	338
Term delivery 37 weeks	28	188
Congenital anomaly*	3	5
All deliveries	<b>2659.4</b> <u>+</u> 690.9	<b>2938.3</b> <u>+</u> 770.0
Singleton/twin/triplet deliveries	26/31/1	178 / 77 / 2
Term deliveries	<b>3361.2</b> <u>+</u> 677.2	<b>3518.8</b> <u>+</u> 585.2
Down sy. 2xHemangioma foot, spina bifida (TAB)		

### Conclusions

- **Oocyte Vitrification:**
- Same fertilization, embryo development
- Similar implantation / pregnancy rates

Outcomes does not raise concern so far on safety of oocyte (embryo) vitrification (Registry would be useful, SART, ASRM)

## Conclusions

- Donor Egg Banking provides proven benefits:
- > No need for synchronization
- No waiting start at any time
- Large donor selection easy match
- Quarantine is possible
- Results similar to fresh egg donation
- Few supernumerary embryos (less ethical concerns)
- Economically less burdensome



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