



Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society  
Société canadienne de fertilité et d'andrologie

## **CFAS Regional Meeting**

### **AGENDA**

#### ***Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility Symposium***

The Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society (CFAS) is pleased to introduce the 2022 Regional Meeting Program! It will be held at the Place Bonaventure Hotel in Montreal, Quebec on Friday, April 8th, 2022.

7:30 am – 5:45 pm Exhibit Hall Open

8:30 am ***Welcome and Meeting Introduction***  
**Dr. William Buckett**

#### **Symposium I: Endometrial Assessment**

Moderated by: Dr. Belina Carranza-Mamane

8:45 – 9:30 am ***Tailoring Transfer Strategy by Assessing Receptivity***  
**Dr. Jacques Kadoch**



#### **Jacques Kadoch, MD.**

Dr. Jacques Kadoch is an Associate Professor at the University of Montreal. He is a founding member of the Clinique Ovo. Within The Fertility Partners, he acts as medical director of the Ovo Labo and Ovo R&D, and chairs the Scientific Advisory Board & Research Review Committee. He completed his medical studies in Paris, where he acquired a solid theoretical and practical training in medicine and reproductive surgery. He completed a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at the University of Montreal. He was the Director of the Gynecologic Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility University Program and a member of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada Examination Committee. At the Montreal University Hospital, he founded the Assisted Procreation Clinic in 2011 and headed the clinic until 2016. He was the Head of the Department of Reproductive Medicine and Biology from 2011 to 2021. Dr. Kadoch has contributed to the effort of improving patient care by developing new techniques, such as the natural cycle IVF. His basic and clinical research has contributed to the advance of reproductive medicine, specifically in endometrial receptivity. Dr. Kadoch was awarded the Biljan Memorial Prize by the CFAS in 2010, an award meant for distinguished fertility specialists for his excellent work in clinical research.



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### ***Tailoring Transfer Strategy by Assessing Receptivity***

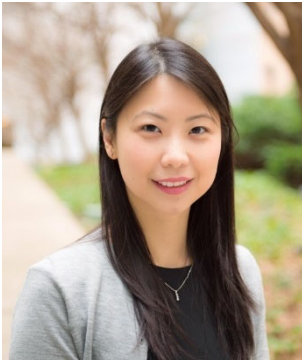
#### Learning Objectives:

1. To acknowledge the relevance of the endometrial factor
2. To learn about the ADHESIO receptivity test
3. To discuss the clinical efficiency of personalized embryo transfer

9:30 – 10:15 am

### ***Non-Invasive Endometrial Assays***

**Dr. Crystal Chan**



#### **Crystal Chan, MD.**

Dr. Crystal Chan is Co-Owner and Scientific Director of Markham Fertility Centre in Markham, Ontario, Canada. She is a Fellow of the Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians of Canada, with dual specialization in Obstetrics and Gynecology, and Gynecologic Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility (GREI). After obtaining her medical degree and residency training at the University of Toronto, Dr. Chan completed a fellowship in GREI at Mount Sinai Hospital, followed by a Visiting Scholarship at the Center for Reproductive Sciences at the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF). She is an Assistant Professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University of Toronto. Dr. Chan is cross-appointed to the University of Toronto Department of Lab Medicine and Pathology, and is a Course Director for the Masters of Health Sciences in Laboratory Medicine Program (Clinical Embryology).

### ***Non-Invasive Endometrial Assays***

#### Learning Objectives:

1. To define endometrial receptivity
2. To describe current methods of endometrial receptivity assessment and the evidence
3. To identify innovations in endometrial assessment

10:15 – 10:30 am

Health Break

### **Symposium II: Frozen Embryo Transfers**

Moderated by: Dr. Marie-Ève Bergeron



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10:30 – 11:15 am

***Frozen Embryo Transfer Policy and FET Protocols***

**Dr. Tim Child**



**Tim Child, MD.**

Dr Tim Child is the Group Medical Director of TFP, the largest IVF Group in Central and Northern European, comprising 20 laboratories in six countries. He is an Associate Professor of Reproductive Medicine at the University of Oxford and serves on the Board of the UK's IVF Regulator, the HFEA. Dr Child undertook IVM research at McGill University during his two-year Canadian REI Fellowship, before completing his RCOG Subspeciality Training in Reproductive Medicine at Oxford.

***Frozen Embryo Transfer Policy and FET Protocols***

Learning Objectives:

1. Understand the main types of FET protocols, Natural or Medicated, and how to suggest the most appropriate protocol to your patient.
2. Review the evidence comparing FET outcomes and understand where evidence is lacking.
3. Assess different forms and routes of luteal support in Medicated (and 'modified natural') FET including measurement of hormonal levels.

11:15 am – 12:00 pm

***Frozen Embryo Transfers: The Embryologist's Perspective***

**Dr. Jim Meriano**



**Jim Meriano, B.Sc, M.Sc, ELD, Ph.D**

Dr. Jim Meriano's international reputation as an outstanding embryologist is based on his achievements over the past 25 years in the field. He established both the Pre-Implantation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD) and the Egg Freezing (Vitrification) programs at LifeQuest Centre for Reproductive Medicine and continues to manage and expand these programs, as well as all other embryology laboratory activities at TRIO Fertility. Dr. Meriano is a recipient of the Laboratory Innovation for Embryology Award, a national award recognizing excellence in the field of Embryology, and has published numerous articles in Canadian and International peer-reviewed



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medical and scientific journals. He is the past Chair of the CFAS Special Interest Group for Assisted Reproductive Technologies, a member of the CFAS Committee to form standards for Embryology Certification in Canada, and a member of the Committee for the Canadian Embryo Summit. He is also a member of ALPHA Scientists in Reproductive Medicine and the ASRM.

### ***Frozen Embryo Transfers: The Embryologist's Perspective***

#### Learning Objectives:

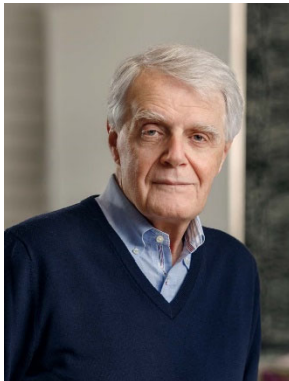
1. History and background of freezing techniques; slow freeze and vitrification
2. Discussion about freeze all and fresh transfers
3. Discussion on day 5 or day 6 freezing.

12:00 – 1:00 pm      Lunch

### **Symposium III: Clinical ART**

Moderated by: Dr. François Bissonnette

1:00 – 1:45 pm      ***Taking Care of the Medically Complicated Patients in REI***  
**Dr. Carl Laskin**



#### **Carl Laskin, MD**

Dr. Carl Laskin is an internationally recognized expert in the specialized field of reproductive immunology and autoimmune diseases in pregnancy. He is well known for his clinical and research activities in the field of fertility medicine and recurrent pregnancy loss, as well as pregnancy in women with autoimmune diseases such as systemic lupus. He established the Treatment and Evaluation of Recurrent Miscarriage (TERM) Programme, which quickly became Canada's largest program devoted to the study and treatment of recurrent pregnancy loss. Dr. Laskin has been invited to present the results of his research on the role of the immune system in recurrent pregnancy loss at numerous international medical conferences in North America and Europe. His research has been published in the *New England Journal of Medicine*, as well as many other peer-reviewed publications. Dr. Laskin is the Managing Director and a Founding Partner of TRIO Fertility. He is also an Associate Professor at the Department of Medicine (Obstetric Medicine Program) and Obstetrics & Gynecology at the University of Toronto. He is a past President of the Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society and currently serving on the Government Relations Committee.



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### ***Taking Care for the Medically Complicated Patients in REI***

#### Learning Objectives:

1. Identify patients with underlying systemic autoimmune disease
2. Assess and evaluate risks in patients with systemic autoimmune disease regarding fertility treatments and pregnancy
3. Formulate a management plan in patients with systemic autoimmune disease

1:45 – 2:30 pm

### ***Maternal Health After Infertility Treatment***

**Dr. Natalie Dayan**



Dr. Natalie Dayan is an Associate Professor of Medicine at McGill University, and an attending physician in the Division of General Internal Medicine where she leads the Obstetric Medicine service. She completed her MDCM and postgraduate training in General Internal Medicine at McGill University, where she also completed a MSc in Epidemiology. She then completed her postgraduate clinical training in obstetric medicine at Sainte-Justine Hospital in Montreal and a research fellowship at the University of Toronto. She is a clinician-scientist at the Research

Institute of McGill University Health Centre (MUHC), supported by the Fondation de Recherche en Santé au Québec. Dr. Dayan is interested in health outcomes research, including the study of severe maternal morbidity during pregnancy, and the long-term effects of infertility treatment. She also studies post-partum vascular risk among women who have had preeclampsia, and has developed a novel targeted post-partum maternal cardiovascular health clinic at the MUHC. Her work is supported by an Early Career Professorship in Women's Heart and Brain Health by the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada – Quebec Chapter, McGill University, as well as operating grants from CIHR.

### ***Maternal Health After Infertility Treatment***

#### Learning Objectives:

1. Review maternal consequences of fertility-treated pregnancy
2. Distinguish effects of infertility versus its treatment on short-term and long-term health
3. Discuss psychological impact of infertility in women

2:30 – 2:45 pm

Health Break

### **Symposium IV: Infection**

Moderated by: Dr. Neal Mahutte



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2:45 – 3:30 pm

***Viral infections in Fertility Patients***

**Dr. Isabelle Boucoiran**



**Isabelle Boucoiran, MD.**

Dr Isabelle Boucoiran is Clinical Associate Professor at the Université de Montréal (UdeM). She graduated at the University of Nice-Sophia Antipolis (France) and completed a maternal-fetal medicine fellowship at UdeM, as well as a fellowship in reproductive infectious diseases at the University of British Columbia. She is a clinician-scientist at the School of Public Health of UdeM and the Obstetrics and Gynecology Department of the Sainte-Justine University Hospital Center, where she is the Co-Director of the Women

and Children Infectious Disease Centre, a provincial referral centre for congenital infections. She is a member of the SOGC infectious diseases committee.

***Viral infections in Fertility Patients***

Learning Objectives:

1. Describe the impact of viral infections (CMV. HIV...) on fertility
2. Recognize the best screening strategies for viral infections in fertility patients
3. Optimize vaccination offer in fertility patient (including COVID immunization).

**Symposium V: Debate**

Moderated by: Dr. Camille Sylvestre and Dr. William Buckett

3:30 – 4:15 pm

***Free IVF! One-and-Done?***

**PRO: Dr. Michael Dahan and Dr. Roland Antaki**

**CON: Dr. Elias Dahdouh and Dr. Senem Ates**

4:15 pm

***Closing Remarks***

**Dr. Camille Sylvestre**

***This event is worth 6 CFAS Continuing Professional Development Credits.***



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