

SYMPOSIA

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4:30 pm-5:45 pm

Assisted Reproduction for HIV-discordant Couples

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Room: CC 524A-C

Chair: Maurizio Macaluso, M.D., Dr.P.H.

Presenters:

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Needs Assessment:

Advances in treatment of HIV infection have increased the lifespan of many affected individuals. It now is feasible for an HIV-positive patient to have a normal reproductive life and rear children. Moreover, improvements in assisted reproductive technology have made it possible for HIV-discordant couples to conceive children with minimal risk of viral transmission between partners and from mother to child. In particular, sperm washing combined with intrauterine insemination and IVF-ET with ICSI show promise for the management of couples in which the male partner is HIV-positive. The ASRM Ethics Committee recently has revised its guidelines to allow provision of these services in adequately controlled environments, but highlighted the need for additional evidence regarding safety. The purpose of this symposium is to review evidence from recent epidemiologic studies and discuss the principles that should guide the development of evidence-based reproductive counseling for HIV-discordant couples.

Learning Objectives:

At the conclusion of the Symposium, participants should be able to:

1. Summarize and discuss the ethical principles that should guide the reproductive counseling for HIV discordant couples.
2. Describe at least two assisted reproductive technologies available for enabling HIV-discordant couples to safely fulfill their reproductive goals.

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