

# HFEA Licence Committee Meeting

## 28 May 2009

21 Bloomsbury Street London WC1B 3HF

### Minutes – Item 17

#### The Lister Clinic (0006) – Variation to add 2 new FISH regimens and CGH methodology for PGS

**Members of the Committee:**

Clare Lewis-Jones (Lay) – Chair  
Ruth Fasht (lay)  
Sue Price (clinical geneticist)

**Committee Secretary:**

Kristen Veblen

**Legal Adviser:**

Graham Miles, Morgan Cole

**Observers:**

Ian Peacock, HFEA

Hannah Darby, HFEA

Declarations of Interest: members of the Committee declared that they had no conflicts of interest in relation to this item. However, it was noted that Dr Hossam Abdalla, the Person Responsible for Centre 0006, was a member of the Authority.

The following papers were considered by the Committee:

- papers for licence committee (74 pages)
- no tabled papers.

The Committee also had before it:

- HFEA Protocol for the Conduct of Licence Committee Meetings and Hearings
- 7th edition of the HFEA Code of Practice
- Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (as amended)
- HFEA (Licence Committees and Appeals) Regulations 1991 (SI 1991/1889)
- Decision Trees for Granting and Renewing Licences and Considering Requests to Vary a Licence; and

- Guidance for members of Authority and Committees on the handling of conflicts of interest approved by the Authority on 21st January 2009.

1. The Committee considered the application form, supporting documents, including background information, protocols on CGH, and patient information and consent forms to be used, as well as the peer review.
2. The Committee noted that this Centre had applied to include in their licence two modified FISH methodologies and a new test for genetic aneuploidy – Comparative Genomic Hybridisation (CGH).
3. The Committee noted the peer review regarding the patient information provided and agreed that the patient information was comprehensive, clear and included sufficient references to counselling.

#### The Committee's Decision

4. The Committee noted that the two FISH-related PGS techniques were well established and used extensively in other laboratories. Additionally, the Committee noted that the CGH technique was considered an improvement on the FISH technique.
5. The Committee was satisfied that this technique was designed to secure that embryos were in a suitable condition to be placed in a woman or to determine whether embryos were suitable for that purpose and that the performance of this activity was desirable for the purpose of providing treatment services.
6. The Committee noted that it had received a signed application form and decided to vary the licence to recognise the two FISH-related PGS techniques and the CGH technique.

Signed.....*Clare Lewis-Jones*..... Date.....*9/6/09*.....  
Clare Lewis-Jones (Chair)