

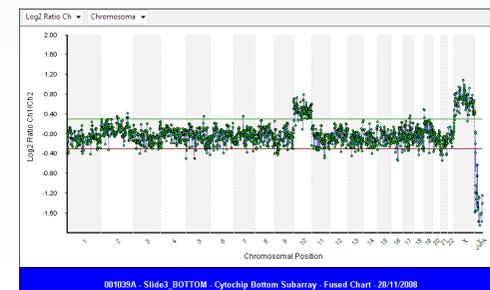
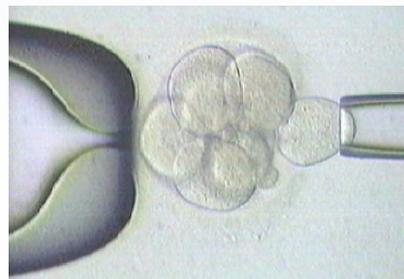
# The history of PGD



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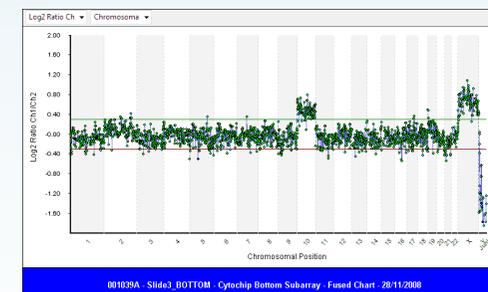
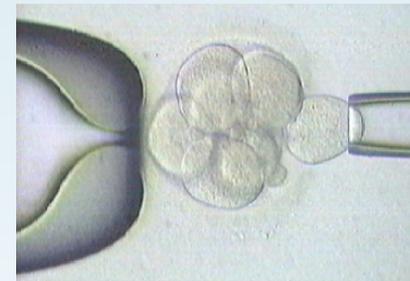


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# Overview

- What is PGD/PGS
- Biopsy
- Diagnosis
- First PGD cases
- PGD USA
- PGD worldwide
- International working group
- ESHRE PGD Consortium
- ESHRE PGS task force
- The future of PGD/PGS



# What is Preimplantation Genetic Diagnosis?

## **AIM**

identify genetically or chromosomally normal embryos for patients at risk of transmitting a specific genetic/chromosome abnormality

## **TYPE OF PATIENTS**

mainly fertile patients

Main option would be prenatal diagnosis

PGD just for the disorder

Undiagnosed embryos should never be transferred

Current techniques relatively uncontroversial

# What is Preimplantation Genetic Screening?

## **AIM**

Get the patient pregnant

Deciding which embryo to transfer on chromosome status to hopefully improve IVF delivery rate

## **TYPE OF PATIENTS**

infertile or subfertile

Undiagnosed embryos can be transferred

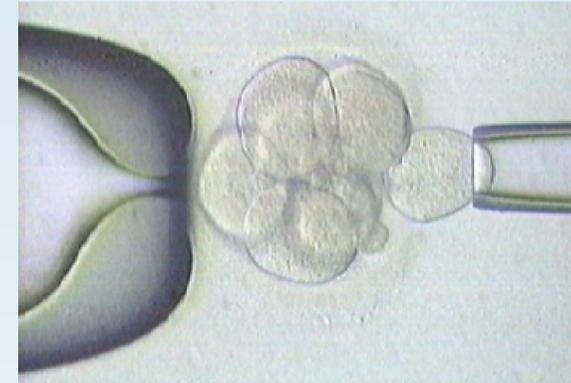
Need to have evidence to show it improves delivery rates

Controversial technique

## Animal studies

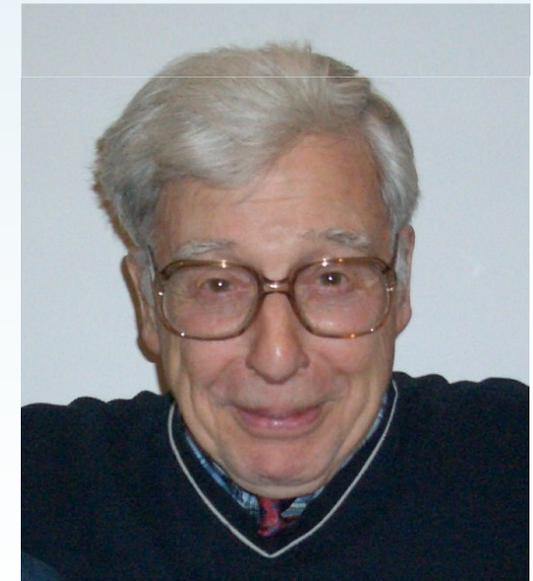
- **Embryo Biopsy**

- Seidel (1952) rabbits
- Tarkowski and Wroblewska (1967) mice



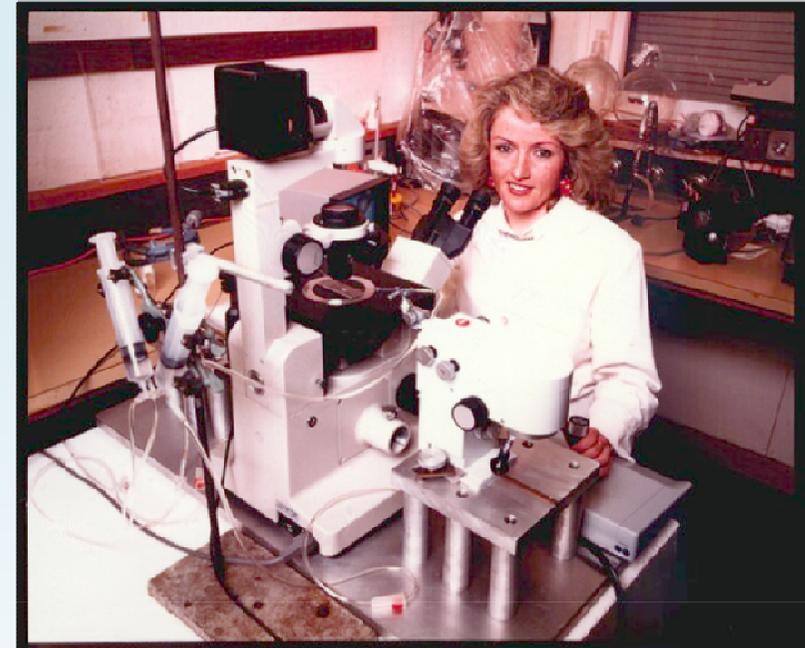
- **First PGD**

- Richard Gardner & Robert Edwards (1967)
- Sexing rabbit blastocysts

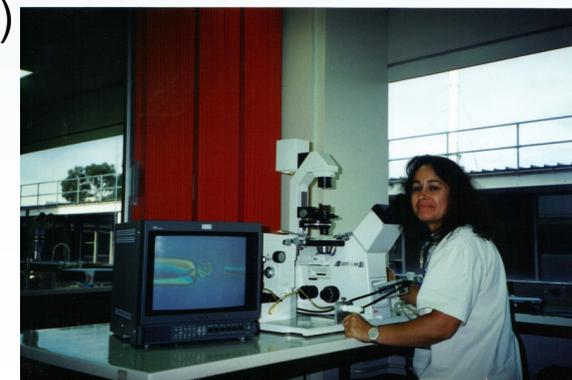


# Biopsy

- **Polar Body biopsy**
  - Yury Verlinksy (1988)
  
- **Cleavage biopsy**
  - Leeanda Wilton (1986)
  - Andre van Steirteghem (1987)
  - Handyside and Monk (1987)
  - Hardy (1990)
  
- **Blastocyst biopsy**
  - Audrey Muggleton-Harris and Marilyn Monk (1988)
  - Dokras et al (1990) and Summer et al (1988)
  
- **Uterine lavage**
  - Buster (1985)
  - Brambati and Tului (1990)



1986



1993

# Diagnosis

Marilyn Monk and Cathy Holding  
 Mouse models, Lesch-Nyhan



## PCR

Karen Sermon  
 Elena Kontogianni  
 Yury Verlinsky  
 Pierre Ray  
 Mark Hughes  
 Gary Harton

## FISH

Leeanda Wilton  
 Darrren Griffin  
 Jamie Grifo  
 Santiago Munne  
 Yury Verlinsky



## First clinical PGD



1993

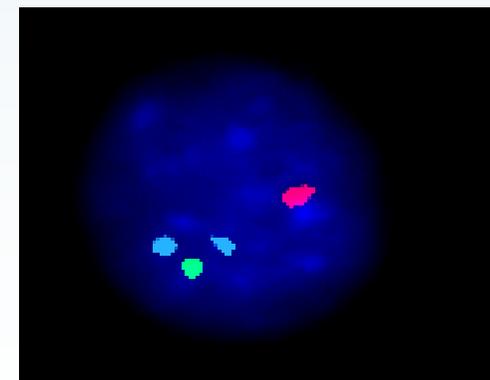
- Elena Kontogianni, Alan Handyside, Robert Winston
- Amplification of Y chromosome by PCR
- Female embryos transferred in five couples at risk of X linked disease
- Resulting in two twin and one singleton pregnancy

# FISH UK

- Late 1980s
- Darren Griffin and Joy Delhanty
- Indirect FISH and indirect probes
- X and Y chromosomes



1990



# The Hammersmith/UCL team

1994



## PGD USA

Yury Verlinsky (RGI)

Santiago Munne and Jacques Cohen  
(Reprogenetics)

Mark Hughes (Genesis Genetics)

Gary Harton (GIVF)



# PGD USA



2005

# PGD worldwide



ESHRE, Bologna, 2000



ESHRE, Edinburgh, 1997

## 1994 – worldwide PGD

- **8 centres worldwide**
- Current status of PGD (Harper and Handyside, 1994)
- 83 cycles sex selection for X linked disease using PCR or FISH
- 51 cycles monogenic disorders
- **Three centres dominated the field:**
  - Hammersmith/UCL team
  - Cornell University Medical College
  - Reproductive Genetics Institute
- **Other centres were**
  - University Hospital, Ontario
  - Academic Hospital, Brussels
  - Jones Institute, Norfolk
  - Genetics & IVF Institute, Fairfax
  - GIEPH, Barcelona

## International working group



ESHRE, Greece, 1993



Preimplantation Genetics, Chicago, 1997

# ESHRE PGD Consortium - 1997



ESHRE Central Office, 1997

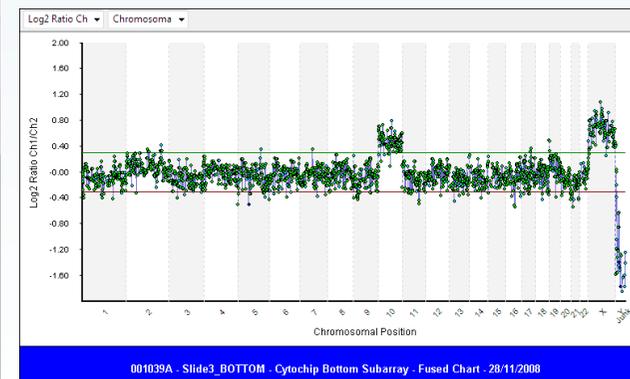
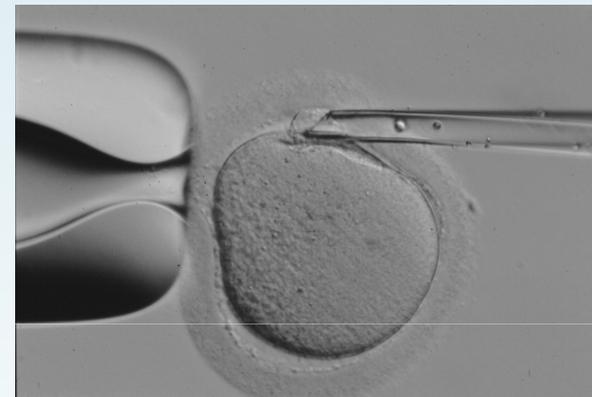
ESHRE Campus Workshop,  
London, 2010



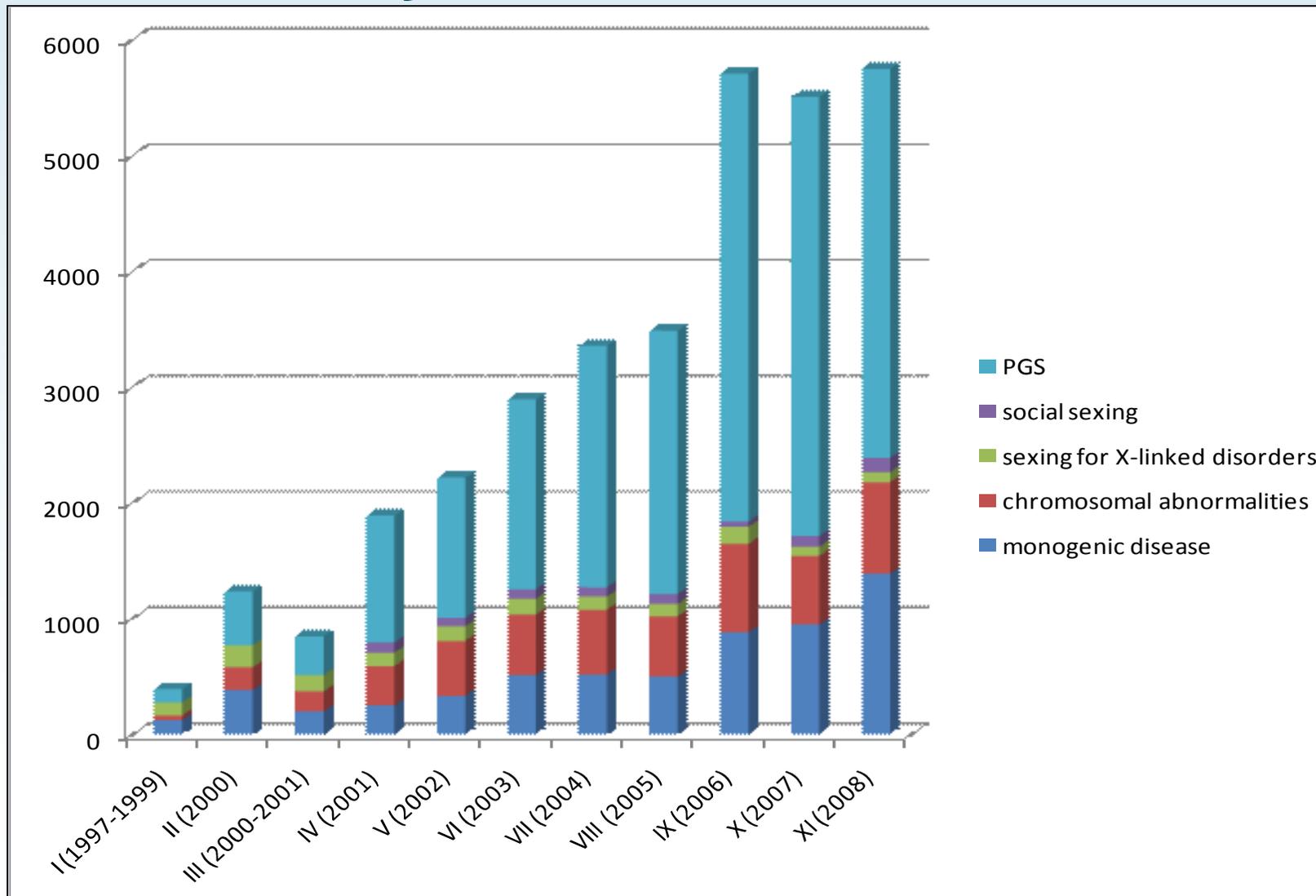
# ESHRE PGS Task Force - 2007



Brussels, 2010

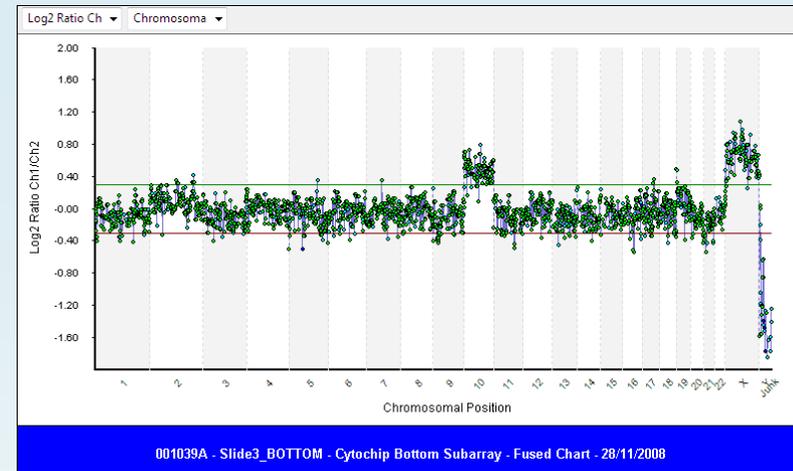


# Evolution of cycle data

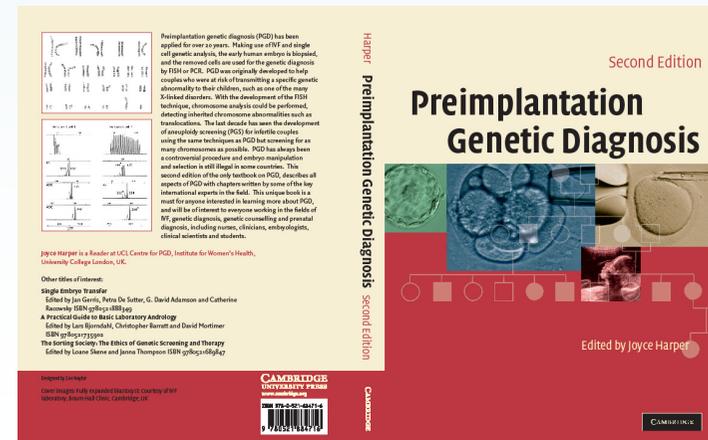


# Future of PGD/PGS

- **Biopsy**
  - Polar body
  - Blastocyst biopsy
  - Vitrification
  
- **PGD**
  - New technology to allow diagnosis of more disorders
  - Whole genome amplification
  - SNP arrays and array-CGH
  
- **PGS**
  - RCT to see if valid procedure with clinical significance
  - NOT cleavage stage biopsy
  - Try polar body or trophectoderm
  - NOT FISH
  - Try arrays (either SNP or array-CGH)



# UCL Centre for PG&D and CRGH





ISPD, Japan, 2006