

ANNOUNCING: EPIDIDYMIS MINI-WORKSHOP

Immediately following the close of the 2012 ASA Annual Meeting



A mini-workshop on the epididymis has been designed to allow active scientists and NIH staffers in the Male Reproductive Health Program and the Contraception & Reproductive Health Branch of the NICHD to share information helpful to the programs of the NIH and to the research of interested scientists. The workshop will take place on the afternoon of April 24 immediately after the close of the 2012 American Society of Andrology (ASA) Annual Meeting.

Using the general topics below, each speaker has been asked to frame their talks around three questions: What are the key operative facts we now know? What are the interesting questions for the future? and What are the significant problems or roadblocks?

The Epididymis in Infertility and as a Target for Contraceptive Development

1:00 p.m. – 1:15 p.m.	Opening Remarks Terry T. Turner, PhD	3:50 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.	What Do We Know About the Role of the Epididymis in Male Infertility? Robert E. Brannigan, MD
1:15 p.m. – 1:40 p.m.	What Do We Know Now About Epididymal Immunobiology? Nicolas Da Silva, PhD	4:20 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.	Crossing the Divide: Major Issues and Difficulties in Moving an Epididymal Target from a Discovery in the Laboratory to a Useful Product in the Clinic – One Investigator's Experience Michael G. O'Rand
1:40 p.m. – 2:05 p.m.	What Do We Know About the Epididymal Luminal Protein Environment of the Epididymis? Gail A. Cornwall, PhD	4:45 p.m. – 5:05 p.m.	Male Reproductive Health Branch: What the Male Reproductive Health Program Within the NICHD is Interested in Regarding Male Infertility and What Assets We can Bring to Bear Stuart B. Moss, PhD
2:05 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	What Do We Know About Sperm Membrane Modifications in the Epididymis that are Associated with Gain or Loss of Function? Kenneth P. Roberts, PhD	5:05 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	Contraception Branch: What the Contraceptive and Reproductive Health Branch Within NICHD is Interested in Related to Male Contraceptive Development and What Assets We can Bring to Bear Diana Blithe, PhD
2:30 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.	The Blood-Epididymis Barrier: A Hurdle or a Gateway for Male Contraceptive Development? Barry T. Hinton, PhD	5:30 p.m.	Closing Gail A. Cornwall, PhD
2:55 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.	What Do We Know About Regulatory Relationships Between Cells in the Epididymal Epithelium and Between Cells of the Epithelium and the Cell Populations of the Epididymal Interstitium? Sylvie Breton, PhD		
3:20 p.m. – 3:50 p.m.	Break		

Attendance at the ASA meeting is not mandatory for attendance at the epididymis workshop; however, those who wish to attend the workshop still need to fill out an ASA meeting registration form and check the box indicating registration for the workshop. There is no fee for this registration. Seating will be limited, so be sure to register. The meeting hotel has agreed to extend the room rates for the ASA meeting for an extra night for those wishing to keep their rooms.

Since the workshop will begin soon after the close of the ASA meeting, a \$10.00 box lunch will be available for purchase at the meeting site. A mid-afternoon coffee break will be provided.

Updates or other announcements will be made on the ASA webpage.