Meet Our 2019 ART Trainees

“Excellent hands on training sessions. Experienced trainers and easily approachable. Equipped with latest instruments and state of the ART facility/lectures on latest ART techniques.”
Otto Umana, MD | North Carolina, USA

“I received training in ICSI, Oocyte handing & preparation, assisted hatching, blastomere biopsy, Oocyte and embryo vitrification. I was trained under world-class faculty and facilities. As a result of the exceptional training, I feel well prepared to go and start my own ICSI lab.”
Trevor Lynn Bond, DO | Kansas, USA

“Trainers were experienced and very knowledgeable. They provided quality training and valuable advice. Lectures were very interesting and easy to understand. The theoretical teaching were reinforced by practical demonstrations and practice. It was a very good and satisfying course.”
Caryn Costa, MSc | Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

“The course was beautifully organized and well-paced, including various modes of presentation. This training provided me not only with the skills to perform basic semen analysis, but also with insight into the direction where male infertility research is going, much of it based on the cutting-edge work being done in Dr. Agarwal’s Lab. It was a pleasure and an honor to have the opportunity to learn from the best!”
Linda Kahn, PhD | New York City, USA

“My experience from this hands on course was very good. Trainers were very efficient and excellent. Overall an amazing program.”
Sabah Baghdadi, MD, PhD | California, USA

“Received hands on training from experts. I learnt a lot of information about ART and how to set up an IVF Lab in future.”
Maab Ezz Aldeen, MD | Damascus, Syria

“ Came here as Urologist. They transformed me into “Andro-Urologist”. Enjoyed every day of learning, in fact every moment of my stay in the department. ACRM faculty is a small group of highly experienced teachers. May ACRM live long.”
Ashok Gupta, MD | New Delhi, India

“Extreme one to one attention with esteemed experts who were highly receptive to questions. All details large and small were thoroughly discussed. Practical step-by-step approaches were explained and demonstrations were clear and focused. Didactic sessions laid an excellent groundwork for the lab. Friendly and helpful; was true pleasure to work with!”
Isaac Gladstein, MD | New Jersey, USA

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Madhumitha Balasundaram, MSc (Embryologist)
Coimbatore, India
“I received excellent training in ICSI and embryo biopsy. The training was so educative, inspiring and enjoyable that inspired me to grow my expertise and vision. This is a well-structured course with exclusive hands on training. It’s a unique opportunity for embryologists who wish to excel in their laboratory skills and advance their knowledge in the field of assisted reproductive medicine.”

Priyanka Sinha, MD (Ob-Gyn)
Mumbai, India
“The training is indeed an experience which I will love to carry forward and practically apply in every step possible. After four weeks of training I am confident to do IVF and ICSI. This training is a landmark in my life for the years to come, as a clinician and also as an ART personnel. I do not think this kind of unique training and lifetime experience is available in any part of world.”

Oluseyi Ayoola Asaolu, MD (Ob-Gyn)
Abuja, Nigeria
“I came into the course with practically no hands on experience in IVF/ICSI from my home country. The training atmosphere was very cordial providing a customized approach to meet each person’s needs irrespective of any previous ART experience. I was amazed at what one could do within the short period of time, from recognizing an oocyte to oocyte pick up, working on the manipulators, intracytoplasmic sperm injection, embryo transfer, assisted hatching using laser and embryo biopsy. It was also a good opportunity to share experience with practitioners from different parts of the world. I am highly honored to have been given the privilege to participate in this program as my stepping stone into the world of IVF/ET.”

Asma Al-Momani, MD (ObGyn)
Amman, Jordan
“I have received personalized attention from the faculty for the complete duration of one week hands-on training course. The program is structured very well with well defined objectives. The course curriculum has been designed to allow maximized learning in a short period of time. The hands on training provided by the highly experienced embryologists is great and provided the micromanipulation skills, handling of the gametes and oocyte vitrification. I am thankful for the excellent ART training provided at the ACRM.”

Andrea Keli Barrueco, MD (Ob-Gyn)
Maringá, Brazil
“It was a hard training but a great experience that I love to remember as important step in my life, as a clinician and as an ART practitioner. It was amazing to know people from all over the world. I am very proud to be a part of this visionary institution and I hope everyone (Brazilian) in the field of reproductive medicine, has an opportunity to come to ACRM and benefit from its ART training program.”

Asma Rasul Khan, MBBS, MCPS, FCPS (Ob-Gyn)
Florida, USA
“The course curriculum was very well planned and organized. I learnt and gained a lot in academic reproductive medicine and Hands on training in ART and basic and advanced techniques. All in all the daily lectures on the latest developments in the fertility space and state of the art techniques and didactics enhanced my knowledge and vision. I feel confident and fully equipped to be able to put in practice the knowledge and skills that I have gained at the American Center for Reproductive Medicine.”

Learn more about our ART Training Program
Ramesh Arumugam, MBBS, MS
Karaikudi, India
“I really learned a lot of new things from my training. The hands on training for IVF/ICSI and embryo biopsy was very good. I can now confidently perform ICSI on my own.”

Kavitha Ramesh, MBBS, MD
Karaikudi, India
“The interactive and friendly trainers offer excellent hands on training. One can get most out of this experience.”

Noopur Chhasatia, MBBS, MD
Surat, India
“Trainers were very patient in how they taught, all of the faculty were quite supportive, and we all got to perform the techniques multiple times. Training at the Cleveland Clinic was a real pleasure.”

Monisha Lazer, MBBS, MD
(ObGyn)
Chennai, India
“The most important part of the program was how effective the staff were about training the candidates. I found the one-on-one training to be special for me. As we gained more experience, our success rates in performing IVF/ICSI went up. The course material and didactics sections were more useful than I expected. The program had guest speakers to further increase our knowledge about the training. The Cleveland Clinic allowed me to gain more than I could have ever expected.”

Amita Patel, MBBS, MS
Silvassa, India
“This course covered all the aspects I needed to learn in order to setup an IVF lab (quality control, vitrification, PGD, PGS and micro array), and the trainers gave their own, personal tips on how to handle oocytes, embryo and sperm. The emphasis on quality control really pointed out how it can be used to improve IVF/ICSI outcomes. The program allows the trainee to increase their efficiency in micromanipulation.”

Priyanka Prakash Pohekar, MBBS, MS
Mumbai, India
“Daily meetings and didactics helped us evaluate our progress. We had daily discussions on the important topics in reproductive medicine. Lectures by the visiting REI doctor was very informative. Hands on training on a one-on-one basis by training faculty was very beneficial. The training faculty were highly experienced and patient. The program combines the theoretical portion of IVF lab techniques and hands-on training in a balanced manner. I found this training to be excellent. I suggest everyone pursue this training who wants to work in the field of reproductive medicine.”

Ahmed Al Newasser, MBBS, MD
Saudi Arabia
“I had a good time learning how to setup a lab and the techniques in micromanipulation. The hands on training and daily meetings allowed us to discuss the most up-to-date information in the field. The course was well organized since the first day and is excellent.”

Nikita Gonnade, MBBS, MS
Nagpur, India
“This training gave me very good exposure. The staff were patient and gave many useful lectures. If one wants to seek hands on training they should definitely go for this program. The training faculty made us feel like a family. In the end, we heard from a visiting REI who shared his expertise in setting up an IVF lab.”

Janelle Simon, BS
Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, USA
“For me it was the one-on-one learning with the instructor. They were very patient and helpful. This is a very good program and I was able to learn how to perform blastocyst injections.”

Andrea Fatima Vargas Torres, BS, MSc
Cusco, Peru
“This course is quick, simple, and very straightforward. It has allowed me to extend my knowledge on micromanipulation techniques. Compared to other training programs or courses, you get more full time training and hands-on experience at the Cleveland Clinic.”
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2016

Mohamed Abouhalawa, BSc
Doha, Qatar
“I have gained multiple new skills from the training, such as how to read morphology and how to read vitality.”

Sara Tanvir Ahmed, MSc
Lahore, Pakistan
“My trainers were excellent. I have been training in courses around the world, but never have I met such patient, caring, and diligent trainers. Not only do they teach you the skills, but they want to make sure that you have gained enough expertise to be a pro. The training for me was an amazing experience. It was an open candid environment, where you can easily learn and absorb what is the latest up to date technology.

Gilbertha Alexander, MD, FRCOG
Cayman Islands
“The program was truly a one-on-one experience, which was very effective. It was hands-on training and the supplementation of sperm analysis with sperm preparation was a very effective aspect of the program.”

Annapoorni Chockalingam, DVM, PhD
Florida, USA
“The training was extremely hands on in every aspect and was truly one-on-one training from world renowned, experienced embryologists.”

2015

Shweta Gupta, MBBS, MS, MRCOG
Missouri, USA
“The program was run with effective time management, and the course curriculum covered every topic I hoped to learn in detail. The trainers made sure to have a personal focus on each member. Things could be taken at your own pace. I enjoyed the morning meetings because they shared an insight into recent world scientific topics.”

Farid Keyvanifard, MSc
Doha, Qatar
“The training was run by qualified and nice staff, had a friendly environment, and it was well organized. The hands on experience was excellent.”

Ahmed Mansour, MD
New York, USA
“The training was definitely hands-on training. There were helpful clinical discussions and many helpful handouts as study material. The instructors were very well trained embryologists, who were comfortable with dealing with various embryology procedures and troubleshooting instruments.”

Joshua Allen Pecenica, MS
Indiana, USA
“The trainers were extremely knowledgeable and attentive throughout the entire course. I feel like most of what makes a good embryologist is troubleshooting when things go wrong. They gave a lot of very helpful tips/techniques for oocyte/embryo handling and micromanipulator troubleshooting.”

Harshita Ramamurthy, MBBS, MS
Bangalore, India
“The trainers put in a great deal of effort in helping us learn the basics, and overall, it was great one-on-one and hands-on teaching.”

Thais Walverde Siqueira, MSc
Sao Paulo, Brazil
“The training provided me with good knowledge, various skills, and it was more than what I was expecting. The trainers were great and helped me throughout the program.”

Abdullah Al Najmi, MD
Jazan, Saudi Arabia
“I gained so much theoretical and technical know-how from the comprehensive teaching in all the 6 modules that I was training in.”

Priya Mehta, MBBS, DGO
Faridabad, India
“The module has the scope to give more time in areas which the trainee finds tough, so the course is flexible according to one’s needs. The complete hands on experience is like no place else.”

Rian Salasin
Pennsylvania, USA
“We experienced a homely environment and received unrivaled hospitality from the Senior Staff. The course is run very well and it meets the demands and expectation of the candidates.”

Bindu Garg, MD, DGO, FICMCH
Gurugram, India
“This is the most wholesome course on embryology that I have ever come across. The difficult aspects like trouble-shooting of ICSI or recent advances like vitrification were made clear to us.”

2016

Shazia Magray, MD, MRCOG
Dubai, UAE
“Techniques such as ICSI, vitrification, and embryo transfer were practiced so many times that in the end, you feel as if you have been performing them for a long time.”

Farid Keyvanifard, MSc
Doha, Qatar
“The working environment and micromanipulator troubleshooting were very helpful tips/techniques for oocyte/embryo handling.”

Jasmini Abraham, MD
New York, USA
“The working environment was very comfortable and the hands-on training coupled with the didactic lectures were very effective.”

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Abdulahi Abdulwahab-Ahmed, MD
Sokoto State, Nigeria
“The hands-on nature of the course made it a standout way of learning the techniques of ART from experienced and seasoned Trainers and Organizers.”

Godwin Akahboha, FMCOG, FWACS
Lagos, Nigeria
“The Director and other Departmental Personnel showed personal interest. Excellent teachers in a beautiful learning environment.”

Mai Iwad Abdullah Al-Qattan, MBA
Kuwait City, Kuwait
“Learning the most recent techniques and sharing of different knowledge with different co-workers was an effective aspect of this course.”

Zahraa Alyaheai, DPhil
Al Ain, UAE
“There was plenty of time to practise the techniques and discuss different topics related to the IVF lab with the Course Instructors. Excellent knowledge sharing and transfer.”

Efio Eyo Efioh, MBBCch, FWACS
Cross River State, Nigeria
“Excellent hands-on training.”

Arun Muthuvel, MD
Chennai, India
“Each Trainee gets an individual Trainer. The Course was completely custom-made, I could choose the areas where I needed more help. Trainers were very patient and were willing to teach us all the time. This is the only program that gives real hands-on training. This program is the best I could think of in any part of the world. Real spoon feeding!”

Dharmaraj Palanisamy, MS, DNB
Tamil Nadu, India
“Step by step procedure in ICSI and hands-on training that can never be forgotten. All teaching staff had the patience to teach head to toe within the stipulated period.”

Zainab Shilbayeh, MD
Texas, USA
“The way the Trainers taught was very efficient. It was such an excellent experience here that I think I can’t find it anywhere else.”

Beatriz Jimenez Vanegas, MSc
Texas, USA
“For me to switch from animal to human ICSI was an important step. Also the use of vitrification, as animal IVF uses more slow freezing. This course is a plus for me in this learning process and will help me in the future for my PhD.”

Oziga Dada Vincent, MBBS, FWACS
Delta State, Nigeria
“Excellent relationship between Trainers and Trainees. Good practical demonstration sessions.”

Johnnearlyn Anyanwu, PhD
Texas, USA, 2013
“The one-on-one training was excellent and knowledgeable – I never felt hurried.”

Satya Baalsandaram, MVSc
India, 2013
“I liked the one to one, hands on experience and having been given more time to learn better. Also the lectures/presentations prior to training were very helpful.”

Sreedhar Kannmela, MD
India, 2013
“There was strict punctuality throughout the course. I received a thorough update of scientific knowledge and an orientation to research.”

Sridevi Kannmela, MD
India, 2013
“Trainers gave personalized commitment that benefited each candidate. Attention was also given to every detail.”

Krishnan Kanniah, BSc
Malaysia, 2013
“There is a systematic training program for each day. The review process every morning about what we learnt the day before – brings about good explanation and discussion. Trainers were willing to answer questions and provide excellent explanation.”

Rizwan Malik, MD
Indiana, USA, 2013
“Lectures are excellent and informative. Great course, superb experience. Faculty and staff are very caring. Course was very well organized.”

Saranda Muritzaj, BSc
Kosovo, 2013
“I enjoyed the many different ways of learning techniques from the trainers - this is different from what I am used to.”

Rifat Morina, PhD
Kosovo, 2013
“The equipment and the possibility to learn new techniques were good. The possibility to get answers for every question regarding the course was perfect.”

Lillian Parzianello, BSc
Brazil, 2013
“I had exclusive attention from the trainers; they were able to explain the procedures because they have many years of experience in their own labs. Training is provided by experts in IVF/Andrology that have published in the best journals. It was great to receive the best and complete textbook on ART, i.e. the ART-Practical Manual of IVF.”

Kannappan Palaniappan, MD
Malaysia, 2013
“Personalized guidance in teaching and in lab preparation. A well-structured course; very comprehensive.”

Malathy Shanmugam, MBBS, DGO
India, 2013
“I was taught all about the basics of handling a microscope, micromanipulators, laser optical system etc. I also learnt to do ICSI confidently.”

Mahipal Singh, PhD
Atlanta, USA, 2013
“I commend the personal commitment of the staff and I enjoyed the home-like environment in the lab.”

Kristina Staab, BSc
Pennsylvania, USA, 2013
“I was able to ask questions at any time and get immediate feedback.”

Swetha Thumula, MD
India, 2013
“The hands on and one-to-one training is unique. The course is well organized and caters to what you want to learn. The feedback session everyday is excellent and gives you more confidence.”

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2012

Liliana-Aura Chitu, PhD
Romania, 2012
“As a result of the training provided at Cleveland Clinic, I was able to master the skills and achieve dexterity in ART techniques.”

Gözde Köksal, MSc
Turkey, 2012
“Excellent training with lots of opportunity for hands on work.”

Reem Taha, BSc
Jordan, 2012
“The hands on experience for me was the most effective because it provided me with practice and taught new techniques that I had never seen before.”

Sweta Tiwari, MD
India, 2012
“The one on one training for ART was excellent. The trainer taught the steps patiently and provided me with complete understanding of the protocols.”

2011

Raffaele Dinardo
Italy, 2011
“Everything was amazing, especially the skills and patience of the trainers.”

Marisabel Hernandez, BSc
Venezuela, 2011
“The most effective part for me was the hands on training. The equipment was in perfect condition, the lectures are in tune with the practices and the staff are very helpful. I think I improved exponentially and was able to see my own this progress.”

2010

Canan Aslan, MSc
Turkey, 2010
“Adequate hands on practice helped me master the techniques.”

Helena Malvezzi, MS
Brazil, 2011
“I learned many new things and had the chance to meet and work with interesting people from all over the world.”

Kelly J Porter, HTL (ASCP)
New Jersey, USA, 2010
“Overall this was a great course with a tremendous amount of material. After spending a week at Cleveland Clinic, I have a much greater understanding of semen analysis and feel confident I will be able to introduce this testing to my facility. This week has also given me a greater sense of appreciation for Andrology in general.”

Carolina Sellito, PhD
Italy, 2010
“I would recommend the ART Training at the Cleveland Clinic to anyone who is looking to receive world class, hands on training in ART. The knowledge and friendships that I have brought back to Italy will be of immense significance to me for many years to come.”

Christopher Danga, BS
Nigeria, 2009
“Hands on training - I was given the opportunity to participate in cell biopsy and fixation, and advanced sperm function tests - everything was NEW!”

Romil Stanislavov, PhD
Bulgaria, 2009
“The presentation and demonstration of the methods (are) in detail. Appropriate time (given) for discussion and questions.”

Guinara Utepova, MD
Kazakhstan, 2009
“Friendly staff. New information. Excellent overall course management and facility (is) conducive to learning.”

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2008
Lina Garcia, MTCP
Puerto Rico, 2008
“The experience was great. Everybody was very professional and willing to help me at all moments. I felt very happy about choosing this program and I will come back if I decide to expand.”

Desta Gelagay, BS (ASCP)
California, USA, 2008
“The course has met every expectation that I had made for the class. The class was a ton of fun, but very intellectually challenging at the same time. I was able to learn a great deal of information that will help in my current job. The experience has motivated me to work harder.”

Luis A Murrain Jr, DO
New York, USA, 2008
“The one to one interaction with the instructors allowed the trainee to focus on the areas they feel they need to work on the most while meeting the course objectives. Helpful critique of technique and common pitfalls to avoid. This is an excellent training course for those seeking to learn new skills or refine their technique. The strong emphasis on research ensures the trainee will be up to date on current literature and treatment protocol.”

2007
Harry Beauvais, MD
Haiti, 2007
“The accessibility of the trainers to provide assistance and share their great experience was very valuable.”

Chris Agbogboroma, MD
Nigeria, 2007
“Very conducive atmosphere to learning.”

Andrea Mustata, MD
Romania, 2007
“Hands-on-training techniques were very well organized. Very dedicated trainers who were patient and helpful. Excellent ART training.”

Amanda Setti, BS
Brazil, 2007
“I have learned everything I wanted to mainly because of the trainer’s knowledge and patience in teaching.”

2006
Samina Naeem Khalid, MD
Pakistan, 2006
“I liked the collaboration of researchers from all over the world – it gave me the opportunity to learn more.”

Karuna Sharma, MD
Saudi Arabia, 2006
“The faculty members are very encouraging and they were boosting your morale all the time.”

Pratima Sekhar, MD
India, 2006
“It was a great experience being in such a huge IVF lab with the best of the infrastructure and technical personnel.”

2005
Troy Anhalt, BS
Wisconsin, USA, 2005
“I enjoyed my time here. The staff were wonderful and I am excited to take this information back to my lab.”

Pamela Herbst, MT
Florida, USA, 2005
“This was a refresher course for me, so the hands on time was very valuable.”

2004
Mary Robert, MBBS, MD, DGO
United Arab Emirates, 2004
“The impossible being made possible! I benefited immensely from the precise manner by which the techniques were made simple. I am now able to perform the technique independently and with confidence.”