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President's Medal for best medical graduate of year 1970-75

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Vikas Ratan Award by Nations economic development & growth society 2002

Chitsa Ratan Award by International Study Circle in 2007

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Abdul Kalam gold medal 2015 & **Rashtriya Gaurav Gold Medal award** 2017 by Global Economic Progress & Research Association.

Distinguished teacher of excellence award for PG medical education by ANBAI & NBE 2017 and **Inspiring Gynecologists of India** by Economic Times 2017.

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Preventing and Managing Complications of Controlled Ovarian Hyperstimulation

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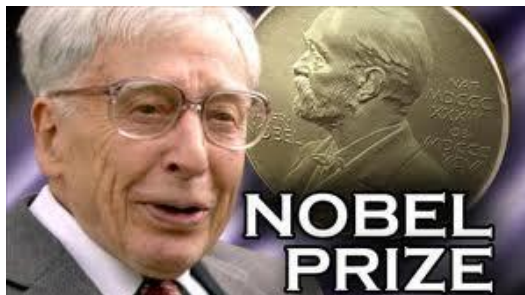
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Single oocyte Single embryo Single baby




Of this year's Nobel Prize winners, the work of British physiologist [Robert G. Edwards](#) waited longest to be recognized. His award for medicine comes 32 years after he figured out how to create the beginnings of human life outside the uterus through in vitro fertilization.

Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2010

Robert G. Edwards

- The development of in vitro fertilization



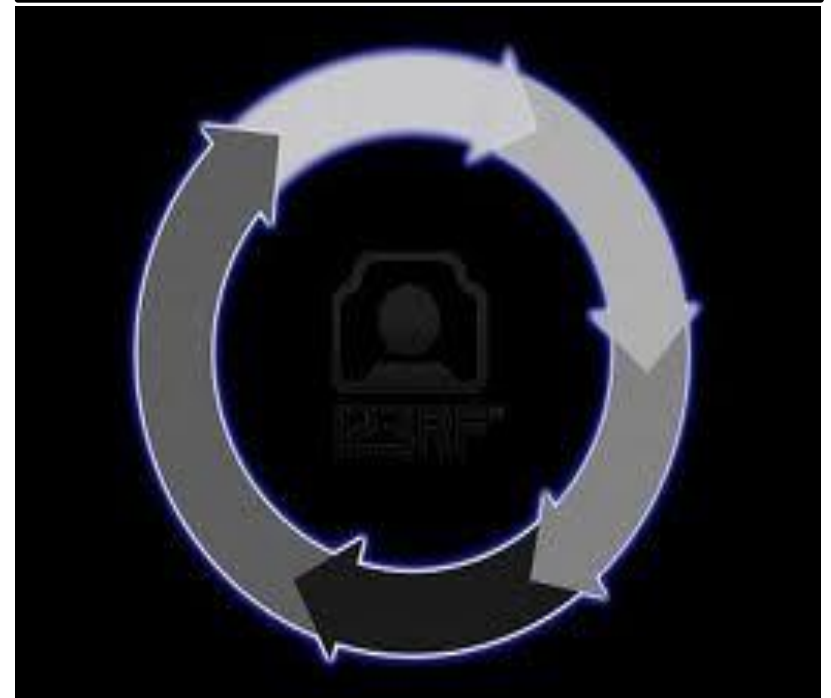
Born 1925, Manchester, UK.
PhD, Edinburgh University, worked in London and Cambridge
Professor Emeritus, Cambridge University, UK

Jonathan Nackstrand, AFP/Getty Images

IVF started to develop fast with the aim of maximizing pregnancy rates per cycle

- Higher number of oocytes and thus more embryos
- Use of unphysiological high doses of gonadotropins
- Time consuming protocols
- Higher costs
- Patient discomfort
- **Higher risk of OHSS**
- Very high risk of multiple gestation

Rapid progression of protocols and technology



Definition of success in IVF is now shifted from pregnancy rate per cycle towards achieving healthy singleton child per started course of treatment ***without complications.***

Further progression of technology aims to **minimize complications** yet maintain optimal pregnancy rates.



Ovarian hyper-stimulation syndrome

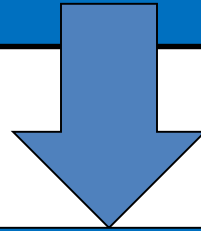
OHSS

A purely clinician-induced *iatrogenic life threatening* condition occurs in

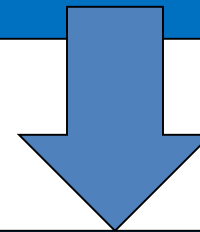
- absolute *healthy and young* women desiring to have a child

Very risky for patient & clinician

PREDICTION

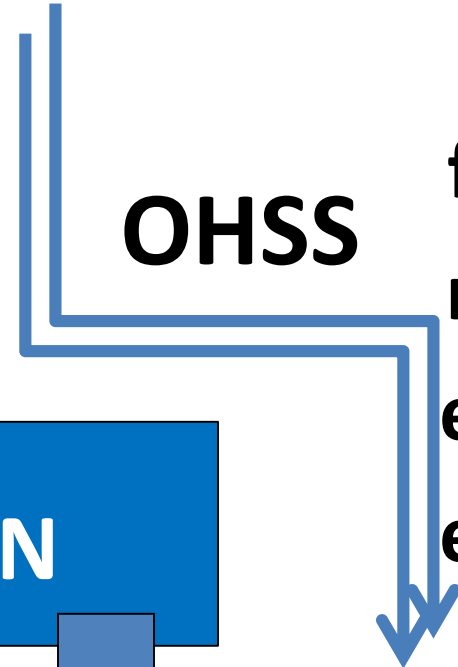


PREVENTION



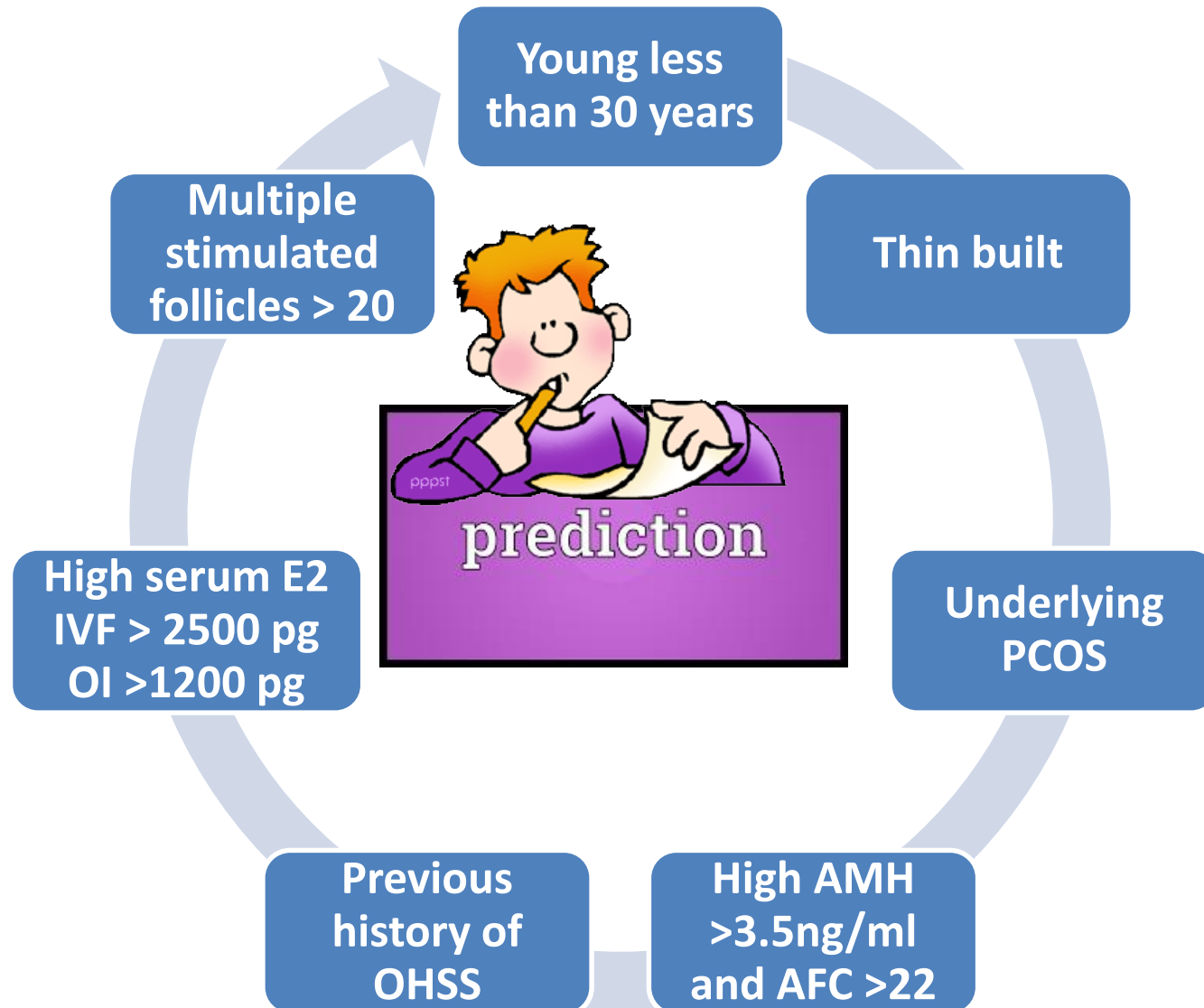
TREATMENT

OHSS



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Can we reliably predict OHSS



Pre stimulation

Metformin before
starting OI

Follicular phase

Antag protocol
Lower dose
gonadotropin
Coasting/Cycle
cancellation
Conversion to
IVF

Prevention

Ovulation Trigger

GnRH trigger in antag
cycle
Low dose hCG (2000)
No trigger


Luteal phase

Embryo freezing
Dopamine
agonist
albumin/HESS
Antagonist
I/V Calcium

WHO IS THE CULPRIT



Trigger for final oocyte maturation



**The Truth is that
OHSS MUST
BE PREVENTED RATHER than
treated**

Complication

Morbidity

- Pulmonary edema, pleurisy, complicated pneumonia, hydrothorax, ARD's
- Thrombo-embolism: cerebral stroke, ICH, CVA, paralysis or amputation of forearm
- Irreversible hepato-renal failure



MATERNAL MORTALITY RATES Due to OHSS

Netherland & UK – 2007

MORTALITY : 3 / 1,00,000 CYCLES

1-5 million IVF cycles / year
500 death (last 10 years)

Grossly Underreported

1 Aboulghar. Fertil Steril. 2012;97:523-6;

2 Confidential Enquiry into Maternal and Child Health, 2007;

Welcome Protocol to manage 'Error' or 'Terror' of OHSS

Hum Reprod, Vol.26, No.10 pp. 2593–2597, 2011

Publication on August 9, 2011 doi:10.1093/humrep/der251

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OPINION

An OHSS-Free Clinic by segmentation of IVF treatment

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An ***OHSS-Free Clinic***
by segmentation of IVF Treatment

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by segmentation of IVF Treatment



STEP 1

Antagonist protocol

Patients friendly

- Fewer injection
- Shorter stimulation
- OHSS much lower
- Same PR

STEP 2

GnRH agonist trigger

- LPD thus lower PR
- Aggressive luteal support if ET
- Cryo-preserve and subsequent transfer

STEP 3

Cryopreserve embryos

- PR higher
- OHSS ZERO
- Ethical issues of CP of embryos



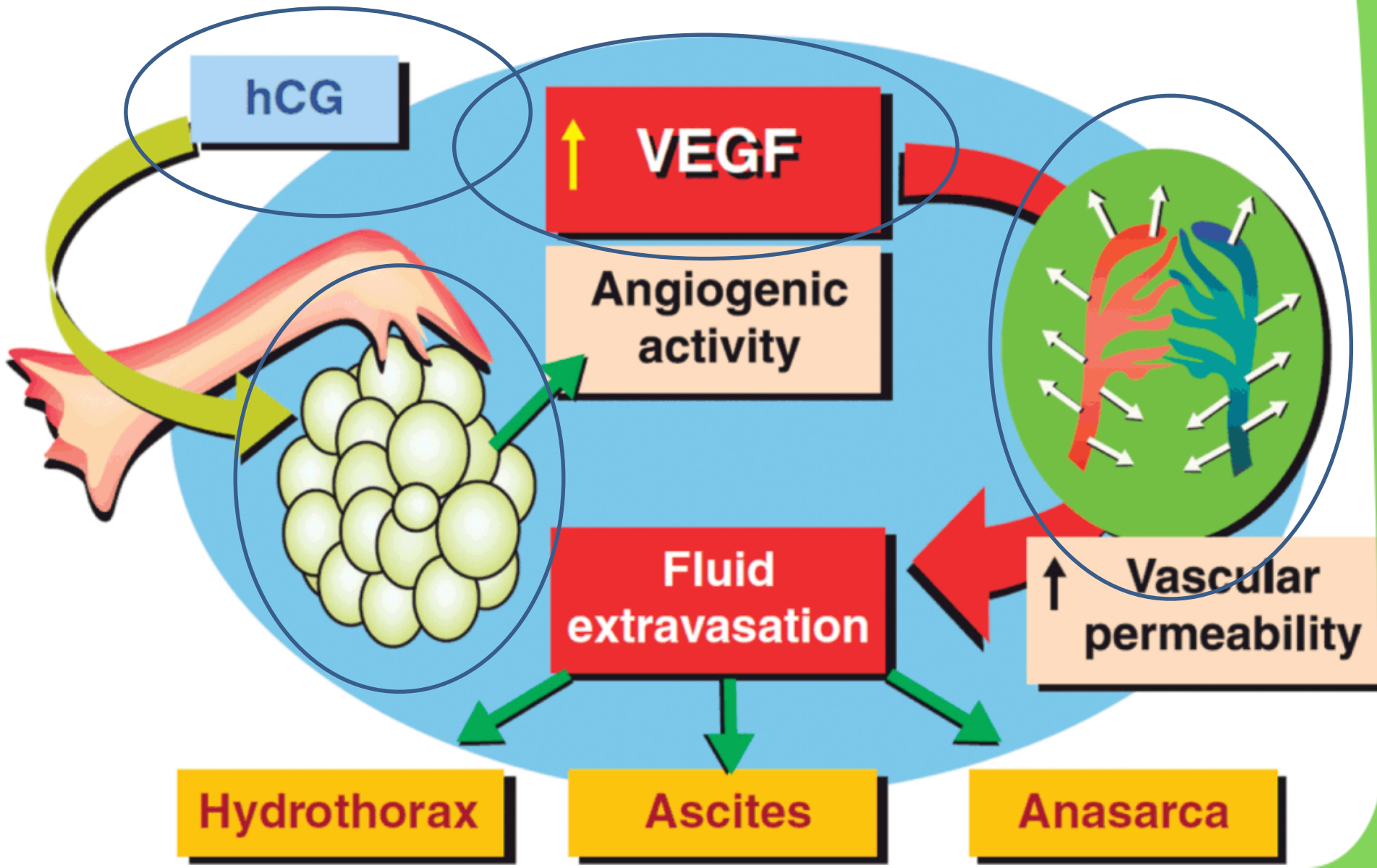
Management

Important strategy is to recognize initiation of OHSS

Prevent progression to severe and critical OHSS

Prevention of full blown OHSS and its consequences even at the cost of failure of ART cycle

Etiopathogenesis



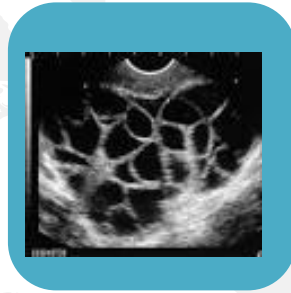
Staging of OHSS for management

MILD



**Abdominal
distension
GI
symptoms
ovary <8cm**

MODERATE



**Mod
abdominal
pain,
ascites on
USG
Ovary 8-12cm**

SEVERE



**clinical ascites
hydrothorax±
oliguria,
PCV>45%,
TLC > 25000
Ovary> 12 cm**

CRITICAL



**Tense ascites
hydrothorax
PCV >55%
WBC>25000/ml,
oligo/anuria,
embolism
ARDS.**

RCOG 2016 greentop guidelines

History

COS, hCG,
Pregnancy
Breath-
lessness,
abd
discomfort
pain, GI
symptoms

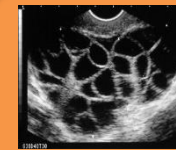
Clinical examination

Vitals, ascites,
hydrothorax,
sub-cut edema

Clinical
Examination

Laboratory test

Hbg, PCV, TLC
LFT & KFT
Electrolytes



Imaging

Ovarian vol
Ascitis
Hydrothorax
Echo
cardiography

How to
stage
OHSS?

OPD management

- ✓ ***Analgesia:*** paracetamol, codeine derivatives, **NSAID's NO!** – may compromise renal function
- ✓ ***Avoid strenuous exercise and sexual contact***
Fear of torsion or injury to enlarged ovaries.
- ✓ ***Light physical activity*** but strict bed rest avoided to prevent thrombo-embolic phenomenon.
- ✓ ***Drink to thirst.*** Minimize “free water”, intake but encourage “sports drink”.

When to admit

- ☐ Severe and critical OHSS
- ☐ Moderate OHSS with poor pain control
- ☐ Nausea vomiting not allowing oral treatment
- ☐ Difficulty in ensuring ongoing monitoring
- ☐ Moderate OHSS with worsening staging (increasing distension, shortness of breath)
- ☐ Impression of reduced urine output.

In patient care

Multi disciplinary care requires 3 important areas to be managed

- ☐ Hemo-concentration and kidney failure
- ☐ Ascitis or hydrothorax or pericardial effusion
- ☐ Thrombo-embolism.

Intensive care in patients with critical OHSS with ARDS and assess daily or more if critical OHSS

Level 3 evidence

Fluid challenge
1 litre of DNS fast
in 1 hour

Resistant hemo-
concentration with
oliguria urine
<0.5ml/Kg/hr

Paracentesis if
Tense ascites
with oliguria

Colloids :
albumin 20%
100ml, HESS 500
ml/hr

Tense ascites

Indications of Paracentesis

USG guided

2000 ml at 1 time

Replace protein

**Hydrothorax
with respiratory
distress with
ascites**

**Oliguria not
responding to
fluids**

Thrombo-prophylaxis

Incidence 0.7-10%
Upper body sites
Arterial

Unusual neurological
symptoms after COS
evidence level 3

**Thrombo-prophylaxis with LMWH to all admitted with OHSS. Continue till it subsides in early OHSS with no pregnancy or continue through end of first trimester if pregnant.
evidence level 3**

Altered coagulation
Reduced venous
return

warranted, unless
H/O thrombosis.
evidence level 2b



Most scary situation for all infertility clinicians

Grave complications for a young healthy women need to be prevented at all cost

The couple has come to make a family, we can't break it even if we can't help make it!

Complications can be very morbid and be as severe as death



**Ovarian
stimulation the
right way is not
only science
but also an art**

Prevention is better than cure

Thank you

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