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**2008
CONFERENCE AGENDA**

**CHOICES & CHALLENGES
OF REPRODUCTIVE
HEALTH**

**6th October 2008
Venue: 20 Cavendish Square
London - W1G 0RN**

**CPD APPROVED:
6 CREDITS AWARDED**

Agenda

9.30 – 10.30 Member Registration
10.00 – 10.30 AGM – Members,
Registration Non-Members

Morning Session: New technologies in Prenatal Diagnosis

10.30 – 10.45 **Alastair Kent:** Welcome and Introduction

10.45 – 11.15 **Alison Lashwood:** How will PGH (Pre-implantation Genetic Haplotyping) improve the scope of diagnosis?

11.15 – 11.45 **Dr Lyn Chitty:** What does NIPD (Non-Invasive Prenatal Diagnosis) mean for those facing an at risk pregnancy?

11.45 – 12.15 **Dr Ainsley Newson:** The ethical challenges of new technology

12.15 – 12.45 Discussion

12.45 **Launch of GIG's new website**

13.00 Lunch

Afternoon Session: Perspectives on reproductive choices for people affected by genetic disorders

13.15 – 14.15 **Liz Pillay:** Helping patients to make challenging choices

14.15 – 14.45 **Cara Scott:** Patient group rep – The burden of choice

14.45 – 15.15 Discussion

Keynote Address:

15.45 – 16.30 **Dr Rosemary Leonard:** How can primary care help families?

16.30 – 17.00 Discussion followed by tea and coffee

Each speaker will speak for 20-30 minutes and there will be a follow on discussion for which we are happy to accept questions.

Speakers

Alison Lashwood is a Nurse Consultant in genetics and preimplantation genetic diagnosis at Guy's and St Thomas' Hospital NHS Foundation Trust. She worked with the team that developed the new technique, called pre-implantation genetic haplotyping (PGH), which uses DNA fingerprinting to identify specific mutations in genes.

Dr. Lyn Chitty is a Senior Lecturer in Clinical Genetics and Fetal Medicine at the UCL Institute of Child Health, London. Her main fields of expertise are: Prenatal genetics, prenatal diagnosis, fetal ultrasound, fetal skeletal dysplasias and dysmorphology.

Dr Ainsley Newson is Lecturer in Biomedical Ethics at the Centre for Ethics in Medicine at Bristol University. She has degree qualifications in Medical Ethics, Law and Science, all of which were obtained from the University of Melbourne in Australia. Her PhD research focused on moral issues in behavioural genetic research and its application.

Liz Pillay is the Senior Epidermolysis Bullosa (EB) Nurse Specialist for the South, covering the UK south of Birmingham. She is a Registered General Nurse, Midwife and Health visitor with over twenty five years of hospital and community experience.

Cara Scott works for ARC (Antenatal Results and Choices) as their health liaison and development manager. Her role involves training health professionals in communication skills and supporting parent decisions and providing information and support to parents through prenatal testing and its aftermath.

Dr. Rosemary Leonard's work as a consultant to national television, radio and newspapers makes her one of the country's best-known doctors. She appears as a regular contributor on medical matters for the BBC, and also writes a weekly page for the Daily Express and a weekly column in "S" magazine. She is the medical editor and regular feature writer for Woman and Home magazine, and Tesco Healthy Living magazine. Her first book, "The Seven Ages of Woman", came out at the start of 2007. Rosemary was awarded an M.B.E. for her services to healthcare in the New Year's Honours List, 2004.

Alastair Kent is the Director of the Genetic Interest Group (GIG) - the UK alliance of charities and support groups for people affected by genetic disorders. GIG's mission is to promote the development of the scientific understanding of genetics and the part that genetic factors play in health and disease, and to see the speedy transfer of this new knowledge into improved services and support for the treatment of currently incurable conditions.

