

Tissue Collecting and Tissue Donation

REGENERATIVE BODIES

Seminar Series

Seminar 1

Professor Naomi Pfeffer

(London Metropolitan University)

Old for new: recycling bodies and body parts

Professor Pfeffer is a historian and social scientist who has carried out extensive research on the collection of human tissue at the beginning and end of life.

Glenda Cornwell

(Guy's Assisted Conception Unit, Guy's Hospital / Kings College London)

Sourcing embryos in the IVF clinic

Glenda Cornwell is a Registered Nurse who has worked as Stem Cell Co-ordinator for the Human Embryonic Stem Cell Co-ordinators forum (hESCCO).

Please register in advance by completing the online form with your contact details, a description of your role and an expression of interest see: <http://www.uwe.ac.uk/hlss/research/regenbodies/index.shtml>

If you have any specific queries,
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14.00 - 16.00
11th October 2007

Seminar to be held at:

Building 650, Conference Room A
Health Training and Research Centre
University of the West of England
Coldharbour Lane, Bristol BS16 1QY

This interdisciplinary seminar series funded by the Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC) aims to bring together clinicians, health professionals, social scientists, bioscientists, and tissue engineers to explore aspects of the emerging technologies for 'regenerating bodies'.

Regenerative medicine, itself a contested concept, includes new tissue and cell based technologies which are being developed to treat a range of health problems including skin products for treatment of burns and diabetic ulcers, cartilage and bone tissue engineered products and stem cell therapies for neurodegenerative diseases. These technologies and the possibility of 'regenerating' body tissues raises complex issues.

The seminars will provide an opportunity for participants to discuss and explore these issues which might include:

- Ethical and social issues relating to the sourcing of tissues and cells (eg, embryos, aborted fetuses, umbilical cord blood);
- Scientific and technical challenges associated with manipulating tissues and cells;
- Regulation and governance of tissue engineering and stem cell technologies;
- Bench to bedside– delivering new technologies to the patient;
- Commercialisation of tissue and cell based therapies.

The seminars will be of interest to: nurses and health professionals, clinicians, social scientists, policy makers, health care providers, ethicists, biomedical scientists.

Seminars are to be co-hosted by the University of West of England's School of Humanities, Languages and Social Sciences & School of Health and Social Care and will be convened by Professor Julie Kent (ESRC Senior Research Fellow and Professor in Sociology of Health Technology) and Dr Debra Salmon (Reader in Community Health).

Each seminar will last 2 hours and will be held 14.00 - 16.00 at UWE in Bristol.

Seminars are FREE and refreshments will be provided. A maximum of 25 places are available per seminar.

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Further details of the seminars will be posted on both Faculty websites.

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