

# EMBRYO TESTING DEBATE

## 13 September 2016

---

The Progress Educational Trust's FREE-to-attend public event, 'TESTING, TESTING 1, 2, 3: PGS AND PGD' - a debate, supported by Illumina, about the latest scientific, regulatory and ethical developments in the testing and screening of human embryos - is taking place in London on Tuesday evening next week (13 September), and you are invited to attend.

The event will focus on preimplantation genetic screening (PGS) and preimplantation genetic diagnosis (PGD). With the advent of technologies including next-generation sequencing (NGS) and a technique known as karyomapping, it has become possible to use PGS and PGD on an embryo at the same time and to use PGD to test for more than one condition at a time. This year, the UK's fertility regulator (the HFEA) updated its Code of Practice in light of these developments.

Speakers at the event will include DR TONY GORDON (Managing Director and Lab Director at Genesis Genetics), DR CHRISTINE PATCH (Consultant Genetic Counsellor and Manager at Guy's Hospital and appointed the next President of the European Society of Human Genetics), JAMES LAWFORD DAVIES (Partner at Hempsons law firm) and PROFESSOR MICHAEL PARKER (Director of the University of Oxford's Ethox Centre). The event will be chaired by DR SUE AVERY (Director of the Birmingham Women's Fertility Centre).

Further details of next week's event can be found at <http://www.progress.org.uk/testing> - to book your FREE place, RSVP by email to [sstarr@progress.org.uk](mailto:sstarr@progress.org.uk)