

EAA Andrology Training Center
Centre Report

2024

[2021-2023]

CENTRE REPORT: Giessen



History of the Centre

The history of Andrology at the University of Giessen relates back to 1951, when a working group for the study of male hypogonadism was founded by members of the Department of Internal Medicine, the Outpatient Dept. of Internal Medicine, the Dept. of Dermatology, and the Institute of Anatomy. A Department of Andrology at the Dept. of Dermatology at Giessen University was founded in 1968 and was converted into a Chair of Andrology and Venereology in 1980. In 1989, a new Chair of Dermatology and Andrology at the Dept. of Dermatology was taken over by W. B. Schill.

At the same time, a Study Group for Reproductive Medicine has been established, consisting of additional members of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, a Working Group of Endocrinology, and the Veterinary Clinic.

With the appointment of W. Weidner as Chairman of the Dept. of Urology in 1993, the Department of Urology joined the Study Group for Reproductive Medicine. In 1999, this network of collaborations was formally established as Hessian Centre of Reproductive Medicine. Moreover, both research and training activities were intensified in 1998, when the universities of Giessen and Marburg became hosts of a graduate research training group of the Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG) entitled "Cell-Cell-Interaction in Reproduction".

This program was extended until 2005. In view of growing interest in clinical andrology and related basic research, the Andrology Centre has been extended to include the Medical Department and Policlinic III (Endocrinology), a certified European Training Centre for Endocrinology (U.E.M.S.), headed by Prof. Schaeffler, and the Unit of Reproductive Biology in the Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, headed by Prof. A. Meinhardt.

These structural changes of the centre were part of the re-evaluation process in 2003. Beginning in 2009, the faculty of the Justus-Liebig-University Giessen and the UKGM GmbH decided to transfer the whole scientific and clinical andrological activities of the Department of Dermatology and Andrology to the Department of Urology, Pediatric Urology and Andrology.

With this consented decision, the new Department of Dermatology stopped the historical tradition to diagnose and to treat andrological patients. In detail, the clinical andrological outpatient department (Prof. Dr. H.-C. Schuppe), including the andrological laboratory, and the cryobanking facilities have been transferred, histopathological work-up and the resp. collections of testicular biopsies are now integrated in the Giessen testicular biopsy repository (until Sept. 2018: Prof. Dr. M. Bergmann, since Oct. 2018: Prof. Dr. D. Fietz).

Prof. Weidner retired as the chairman of the Department of Urology, Pediatric Urology and Andrology in 2015 and Prof. Dr. F. Wagenlehner has been appointed as the Chairman of the department. The Andrology Unit in the Dept. of Urology including Andrological Urology and surgery is headed by Priv.-Doz. Dr. T. Diemer. Also in 2015, Prof. Weidner left his position as director in the EAA Training Center Giessen, followed by co-director T. Diemer.

Organization of Centre

The EAA training centre Giessen consists of the following core units:

- Department of Urology, Pediatric Urology and Andrology (Head: Prof. Dr. F. Wagenlehner)
- Medical Department and Policlinic III –Endocrinology- (Head: Prof. Dr. Schäffler; cooperating partner: Prof. Dr. T. Linn (retired))
- Department of Anatomy and Cell Biology, Unit for Reproductive Biology (Head: Prof. A. Meinhardt)
- Testicular Biopsy Repository, Department of Veterinary Anatomy, Histology and Embryology (Head: Prof. Dr. D. Fietz) (together with Prof. Dr. HC. Schuppe)
- Department of Human Genetics (Head: Prof. Dr. D. Nolte)
- Section Molecular Andrology (Head: Prof. Dr. U. Schadgarsurengin)

Cooperating partner departments (within Universities of Giessen and Marburg):

- Department of Gynecology and Obstetrics (Head: Prof. Dr. med. I. Meinhold-Heerlein)
- Department of Psychosomatic Medicine and Psychotherapy (Head: Prof. Dr. med. J. Kruse)
- Department of Reproductive Medicine (Gynecology), Marburg (Head: Prof. Dr. med. V. Ziller)
- IVF-Center Wetzlar (Head: Dr. med. A. Hadjimohammed)

Centre-Directors: Priv.-Doz. Dr. Thorsten Diemer / Prof. Dr. Andreas Meinhardt

Name and address of Centre

Unit Name: EAA Andrology Training Centre Giessen

Type of Centre

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Private Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other (please specify) ----

1. Co-DirectorProf. Dr. A. MeinhardtAcademician Regular Member EAA Certified Clin. Andrologist **2a. Co-Director/Clinical responsible** Priv.-Doz. Dr. med. Th. DiemerAcademician Regular Member EAA Certified Clin. Andrologist **2b. Clinical responsible**Prof. Dr. H.-C. SchuppeAcademician Regular Member EAA Certified Clin. Andrologist Please find the ORGANIZATIONAL CHART (HZRM) at page 28

Educational activities I

Educational activities: Workshops and Congresses

- 32nd Annual Meeting of the German Society of Andrology – Deutsche Gesellschaft für Andrologie (DGA), Gießen. 8.-10. Sept. 2022 (Congresspresident: D. Fietz)
- 8th EPIDIDYMIS Workshop 2022, Gießen (Organizers: A. Meinhardt, R. Middendorff)
- 47th Joint Veterinary – Human Reproductive Medicine Meeting, in conjunction with 55th Annual Meeting “Physiology & Pathology of Reproduction”, Online, March 2 – 4, 2022 (Co-Organizer: D. Fietz)
- 6th International Workshop on Molecular Andrology 2019 (24 – 26 Sept. 2019), Gießen (Organizers: A. Meinhardt, H.-C. Schuppe, J. Klug)
- 30th Annual Meeting of the German Society of Andrology - *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Andrologie (DGA)* 2018 in Gießen, Tagungspräsident und wissenschaftlicher Leiter: PD Dr. Th. Diemer

Educational activities: Online Symposia (Organizers: S. Bhushan, D. Fietz, M. Fijak, D. Pleuger)

- 2021, 22 Sept: 1st Virtual Mini-Symposium “Testicular Infection, Inflammation and Cancer“
- 2022, 7-8 Dec: 2nd Virtual Mini-Symposium “Testicular Infection, Inflammation and Cancer – Reproductive Biology meets Immunology“
- 2023, 29-30 Nov: 3rd Virtual Symposium on "Male Reproductive Immunology – At the Interface of Tolerance and Defense"

Educational and clinical activities: Regular Conferences

- Conference Urology /Andrology; Case discussions, M&M: every Friday
- Conference “ Testis Histology”: Profres. Fietz/Schuppe: every Friday

Educational activities II

GGL courses 2021-2023

GGL Schedule winter term 2020/2021

„Impact of the immune system and epigenetic modifications on male and female reproduction“

04.11.2020	PhD Seminar 1	
11.11.2020	Immune system part I An essential player in health and disease	Gregor Bein
18.11.2020	Immune cell interaction and tumor progression	Rajkumar Savai, Bad Nauheim
25.11.2020	Testicular macrophages	Michael Sieweke Dresden
02.12.2020	PhD Seminar 2	
09.12.2020	Immune system part II Viral infection of testis and epididymis / NETosis	Adrian Pilatz / Ivan Conejeros
16.12.2020	Immune system part III Immune cells and bacterial infection of testis and epididymis	Sudhanshu Bhushan
13.01.2021	PhD Seminar 3	
20.01.2021	Epigenetics part I General aspects of epigenetics and techniques	Temuujin Dansranjavin
27.02.2021	Epigenetics part II Nutrition and physical health – impact on fertility?	Klaus Steger
03.02.2021	Immunology of the placenta	Udo Markert, Jena
10.02.2021	Epigenetics part III Epigenetics and female fertility	Christine Wrenzycki
17.02.2021	Epigenetics part II Epigenetics and male fertility	Undraga Schagdarsurengin

HZRM/ GGL/ IRTG Seminare SS2021
Emerging and new „old“ techniques to analyse fertility

Date and time: Wednesdays from 14th April until 14th July 2021, 5pm

Venue: Cisco Webex platform (please follow the link <https://uni-giessen.webex.com/uni-giessen-en/j.php?MTID=m2501cf9f913e7f761ba4cb4e436906c0>)

Date	Topic	lecturer
14.4.21	<i>It's in your hands to receive good data: The better the input, the better the result. Panel Design & Cell Sorting</i>	Ali Gawanbacht, BD Life Sciences
21.4.21	<i>CLSM in laboratory research</i>	Klaus Deckmann, JLU
28.4.21	<i>Video microscopy and drugs</i>	Andrea Mietens, JLU
5.5.21	<i>Examining human testicular development and function using tissue culture models</i>	Anne Joergensen, Copenhagen
12.5.21	<i>Soft tissue micro CT imaging of the urogenital tract</i>	Marian Kampschulte, JLU
19.5.21	<i>Resolving the transcriptional landscape in situ - from methodology to application</i>	Joakim Lundeberg, Sweden
26.5.21	<i>Small RNAs and their role in human reproduction</i>	Andrej Spiess, Hamburg
2.6.21	European Testis Workshop	
9.6.21	<i>Electron microscopy: Principals and fundamentals</i>	Ulrich Gärtner, JLU
16.6.21	<i>Functional analysis of sperm - Keep on moving!</i>	Christiane Pleuger, JLU
23.6.21	<i>IRTG: What's up?</i>	Andreas Meinhardt, JLU
30.6.21	<i>Raman microspectroscopy</i>	Raul da Costa, Münster
7.7.21	<i>Mass spec and beyond - Deciphering structural and spatial complexity with mass spectrometry imaging</i>	Sven Heiles, JLU
14.7.21	<i>tba</i>	David Fleck, Aachen

HZRM/ GGL/ IRTG Seminar series WS2021/20222
Application in research and clinics, assisted reproduction techniques (IVF; ICSI; TESE; sperm selection), basic morphology

Date and time: Wednesdays from 20th October 2021 until 16th February 2022, 5pm

Venue: Cisco Webex Event

<https://uni-giessen.webex.com/uni-giessen-en/onstage/e.php?MTID=eb172a9e7ee680f07238510629dd27b62>

Meeting number: 2732 932 9143

Password: bkSQ6arJF9

Please note that seminars will be recorded and shared on internal pages of IRTG.

Date	Topic	lecturer
20.10.	Histological analysis of testis samples incl. score count analysis	Daniela Fietz, Vet. Anatomy, Giessen
27.10.	PhD Seminar Meeting our new members	Students
03.11.	Comparative morphology of accessory sex glands	Middendorff group, Anatomy and Cell Biology, Giessen
10.11.	Current andrological aspects of assisted reproduction - diseases, applications	Adrian Pilatz, UKGM, Giessen
17.11.	Prenatal diagnostics	Ivonne Bedei, UKGM, Giessen
24.11.	Ejaculate analysis incl. sperm morphology, cryopreservation	Hans-Christian Schuppe, UKGM, Giessen
1.12.	Hormone levels – assessment, evaluation and application	Gerhard Schuler, Vet. Obstetrics and Andrology, Giessen
8.12. 9am	iBlastoids - the future of embryonic research?	Jose Polo, Melbourne, AUS
15.12.	The diabetic patient – medical evaluation and andrological research	Thomas Linn / Constanze Maresch, UKGM, Giessen
12.01.	Microengineered stem cell models for synthetic embryology	Yi Zheng, Michigan, USA
19.1.	TESE procedure incl. cryopreservation and sampling	Florian Dittmar, UKGM, Giessen
26.01.	A Single Cell Understanding of Human Spermatogonial Stem Cells	Jingtao Guo, Utah, USA
02.02. 9am	Discovering Cell Identities of Human Testicular Tumour Cells	Ben Nathaniel, Melbourne, AUS
09.02.	Fertility preservation in boys - an experimental approach	Nina Neuhaus, Münster
16.2.	IUS, IVF, ICSI – what to do with couples attending ART	Volker Ziller, UKGM, Marburg

internal seminar - students of Section 6

external seminar - all members of Section 6

Practical course

Registration required via e-mail to pia.juergens@anatomie.med.uni-giessen.de

Date/Time	Topic	Lecturer
planned	(sc)RNAseq: How to use databases	Bioinformatics and Systems Biology
	max. number of participants: 10 Venue: Webex	
tba	Flow cytometry - let it shine!	Monika Fijak
	max. number of participants: 8 Venue: Institute for Anatomy and Cell Biology	
tba	Electrone microscopy imaging: Look for details!	Uli Gärtner
	max. number of participants: 6 Venue: Institute for Anatomy and Cell Biology	

HZRM/ GGL/ IRTG Seminar series Summer Term 2022
Infections of the reproductive tract
New therapeutics, clinical trials and connection of research and industry

Date and time: Wednesdays from 13th April until 15th July 2022, 5pm

Venue: Either online via BigBlueButton (<https://webconf.hrz.uni-giessen.de/b/dan-7se-2ju-p7p>) => marked with "O"
 or in presence at the Insitute for Anatomy and Cell Biology, Kleiner Hörsaal, Aulweg 123, marked with "P"

Please note that seminars can be recorded and shared on internal pages of IRTG.

No.	Date	Title of presentation	Speaker	Venue
1	13.4.22	Working in a pharmaceutical company	Christine Kauerhof, ThermoFisher Nour Nicolas, AstraZeneca	O
2	20.4.22	Covid-19 and pregnancy	Nardhy Gomez-Lopez, Wayne State University, USA	O
3	27.4.22	PhD Students take over Part I	NN	P
4	4.5.22	Sexually transmittable infections (STIs) human	Florian Wagenlehner, UGKM	P
5	11.5.22	Reducing waste and increasing value in biomedical research	Ulrich Dirnagel, Charité, Berlin	O
6	18.5.22	PhD Students take over Part II	NN	P
7	25.5.22	New therapeutics in clinical trials - company's view	NN, AstraZeneca	O
8	1.6.22	IRTG Milestone Meeting / Retreat		
9	8.6.22	Sperm-induced NETosis and METosis	Fabiola Zambrano, Universität de la FONtera, Chile	O
10	15.06.22 9am	Anti-viral defenses against persistent viral infections in the male reproductive tract	Rukmali Wijayarathna, Monash University, Australia	O
11	22.6.22	Sexually transmittable infections (STIs) animals	Christine Wrenzycki, JLU	P
12	29.6.22	New therapeutics in clinical trials - clinicians view	Bastian Eul, UKGM	P
13	06.07.22 9am	The impact of Chlamydia infection and vaccination on the male reproductive tract	Emily Bryan, Queensland University of Technology, Australia	O
14	13.7.22	Research in industry - where are the possibilities?	Monica Lispi, Merck	O

internal seminar - students of Section 6

external seminar - all members of Section 6

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Date/Time	Topic	Lecturer
Tues, 10th May 2022	How to write an Animal Experiment Application - legal basics	Dr. Janne Bredehöft Animal Welfare Office, JLU
1-3pm	max. 12 participants	
Tues, 17th May 2022	How to write an Animal Experiment Application - discussion on projects, common pitfalls	Dr. Janne Bredehöft Animal Welfare Office, JLU
1-5pm	max. 12 participants (divided in groups)	
tba	Statistics - experimental design and basis bioinformatics	PD Dr. Kathrin Büttner Working group "Biomathematics", Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

GGL Seminar series Winter Term 2022/2023

Clinical and scientific aspects of male and female reproductive medicine

Date and time: Wednesdays from 19th October until 8th February 2022, 5pm

Venue: Institute for Anatomy and Cell Biology, Kleiner Hörsaal, Aulweg 121 or via BBB

No.	Date	Title of presentation	Speaker
1	19.10.22	New myths and facts about endometriosis	Lutz Konrad, Dep. Gynecology and Obstetrics, JLU
2	26.10.22	Effects of ageing on the male germline	Sandra Laurentino, Center of Reproductive Medicine and Andrology, Münster
3	2.11.22	Sertoli cells – how to become immortal	Lutz Konrad, Center of Gynecology and Obstetrics, JLU
4	9.11.22	Advanced genetic models to study the immune system I: From the basics to the study of dynamic processes in vivo	Andreas Krueger, Molecular Immunology, JLU
5	16.11.22	Advanced genetic models to study the immune system II: Tools for analysis of the adaptive immune response and humanized mice	Andreas Krueger, Molecular Immunology, JLU
6	23.11.22 2pm-6pm	GGL Retreat	all students
7	30.11.22 9am	Spatial Transcription - Immune cells in TGCTs	Sarah Moody, Hudson Institute of Medical Research, Monash University, Australia
8	07./08.12.22	2nd Testis immunology Symposium (online)	
9	14.12.22	Recent development in ovarian cancer treatment	Ahmad Fawzi Hussain, Dep. Gynecology and Obstetrics, JLU
10	21.12.22	Job opportunities in the industry: Did you consider a service provider?	Christine Reich, PharmaLex
11	09.01.23 4:30-6pm	DFG Funding Opportunities for Postdocs	DFG Seminar - external link will be provided
12	18.1.23	IVF	Phillip Holz, Kinderwunschzentrum Mittelhessen, Wetzlar
13	25.1.23	Viruses and the Reproductive System	Janis Müller, Institute of Virology, Philipps University Marburg
14	1.2.23	Fertility in spinal cord injured patients	Sonja Heitkamp, Dep. Neuro-Urology, Werner Wicker Clinic, Bad Wildungen
15	8.2.23	Infections in female reproductive tract	Ivo Meinhold-Heerlein, Dep. Gynecology and Obstetrics, JLU

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Date/Time	Topic	Lecturer
tba	Flow cytometry	Dr. Monika Fijak Institute for Anatomy and Cell Biology, JLU
12.01.2023	Open Access Publishing	Helena Meyer University Library, JLU
	4 hours, max. 15 students; Institute for Veterinary Anatomy, room 102f	
summer term 2023	Statistics - experimental design and basis bioinformatics	PD Dr. Kathrin Büttner Working group "Biomathematics", Faculty of Veterinary Medicine

GGL/HZRM Seminars Summer Term 2023
Reproduction in Men and Animals and applied techniques

Date and Time Wednesday from April 12th to July 12th 2023, 5pm

Venue [Institute for Veterinary Anatomy, Seminar Room 102f](#) or via [BigBlueButton](#)

No.	Date	Title of presentation	Speaker
1	12.04.2023		
2	19.04.2023	The Biology of Sex Steroids - From a Comparative View	Prof. Gerhard Schuler, Clinic of Obstetrics, Gynecology and Andrology, JLU
3	26.04.2023	SWEETTALK: Maternal to placental communication shaping pregnancies outcome	Prof. Sandra Blois, Department of Obstetrics and Fetal Medicine, Medical Center Eppendorf, Hamburg
4	03.05.2023		
5	10.05.2023	FcRL3, named MAIA, is newly identified ligand for human sperm-oocyte membrane binding and fusion	Prof. Kateřina Komrsková, Institute of Biotechnology of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Vestec
6	17.05.2023		
7	24.05.2023	Video microscopy and pharmacological studies	Dr. Beatrix Bester, Institute of Anatomy and Cell Biology, JLU
8	31.05.2023	Germ granule-mediated RNA regulation in the male germline	Prof. Noora Kotaja, Institute of Biomedicine, University of Turku, Finland
9	07.06.2023		
10	14.06.2023 3pm	Steroidmetabolomics in Clinic and Research	Prof. Stefan Wudy, Pediatric Endocrinology & Diabetology, Center of Child and Adolescent Medicine, UKGM
11	21.06.2023	European Testis Workshop	
12	28.06.2023	ARTificial Reproductive Techniques in Birds	Prof. Michael Lierz, Clinic for Birds, Reptiles, Amphibes and Fishes, JLU
13	05.07.2023		
14	12.07.2023	Extracellular vesicles in semen as innate antiviral factors	Janis Müller, Institute of Virology, Philipp University Marburg

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Date/Time	Topic	Lecturer
tba	Flow cytometry	Dr. Monika Fijak Institute for Anatomy and Cell Biology, JLU
2 day course	max. 12 students, Institute for Anatomy and Cell Biology, Aulweg 123	
tba	Statistics - experimental design and basic bioinformatics	PD Dr. Kathrin Büttner Working group "Biomathematics", JLU
	max. x students, Institute for Veterinary Anatomy, Frankfurter Straße 98, Seminar room 102f	
tba	Spermiogramm according to WHO	Prof. Dr. Hans-Christian Schuppe Clinic for Urology, Pediatric Urology and Andrology, UKGM
1 day course	max. 10 students, Clinic for Dermatology, Gaffkystraße 14	

GGL/HZRM Seminars Winter Term 2023/2024

Date and Time Wednesday from October 25th 2023 to February 7th 2024, 5pm

Venue [Institute for Veterinary Anatomy, Seminar Room 102f](#)

[Zoom Link](#)

[Institute for Anatomy and Cell Biology, Kleiner Hörsaal](#)

No.	Date	Title of presentation	Speaker
1	25.10.2023	Caspase-8 biology in human ovarian Cancer: In vivo and in vitro study	Mohsen Aberoumandi, JLU
2	01.11.2023	The role of resident macrophages in the immune response to bacterial infection of the murine epididymis	Dingding Ai, JLU
3	08.11.2023	Behind the Scenes; regulatory affairs around laboratory husbandry	Daniel Zahner, JLU
4	15.11.2023	Endocrine disruptors and mechanisms of male reproductive toxicity	Monica Kam Draskau, Denmark
5	23.11.2023	Morphogenesis of the Wolffian/epididymal duct: a rather long epithelial tube	Barry Hinton, Virginia, USA
6	29.11.2023	3rd Virtual Mini-Symposium on Male Reproductive Immunology - At the Interface of Tolerance and Defense	
7	06.12.2023	Characterization of immune cell populations in the male reproductive tract of the mouse	Vishnu Kumar, JLU
8	12.12.2023	DFG-Förderangebote für die wissenschaftliche Karriere (German)	external link
9	20.12.2023	Integrating Structural and Functional Genomics Using Genome-wide CRISPR-Cas9 Screens	Roland Schmitz, UKGM
10	10.01.2024	Physiological and molecular investigations on the contribution of natriuretic peptide hormones to vascular contractions for luminal transport	Christine Rager, Monash University
11	17.01.2024	Role of the placenta in linking maternal and fetal developmental physiology	Amanda Sferruzzi-Perri, UK
12	24.01.2024	tba	Rod Mitchell, Scotland
13	31.01.2024	IVF, ICSI and others – not the same, but similar in animals and humans	Christine Wrenzycki, JLU
14	07.02.2024	Dissecting the role of activin A and CCR2 in chronic testicular inflammation	Hiba Hasan, JLU

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2 day course	max. 12 students, Institute for Anatomy and Cell Biology, Aulweg 123	
tba	Spermiogramm according to WHO	Prof. Dr. Hans-Christian Schuppe Clinic for Urology, Pediatric Urology and Andrology, UKGM
1 day course	max. 10 students, Clinic for Dermatology, Gaffkystraße 14	
24.11.2023	Using PowerPoint without PowerPoint using you	Prof. Barry Hinton University of Virginia
3-4:30 pm	tba	

Research activities (Group Funding), Details see Research funding

- The DFG funded Clinical Research Unit KFO 181 “Male factor infertility due to impaired spermatogenesis” (coordinator: Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Weidner; head: Prof. Dr. Klaus Steger, Department of Urology, Pediatric Urology and Andrology) has been established in 2008 and received funds until 2011 (KFO 181/1). An extension for another three years (**2011 – 2014**) has been granted (KFO 181/2). The aim of the research group is to improve the diagnosis of male infertility by investigating the molecular causes of impaired testicular sperm cell formation.
- The LOEWE Focus Group MIBIE “Male Infertility and Urogenital Infections” (Spokesman: Prof. Dr. W. Weidner) is being funded from **2011-2014** with approx. 4.3 million Euros by the State of Hessen. Justus Liebig University Giessen is spearheading the group and is in cooperation with the Philipps University Marburg and the University of Applied Sciences Giessen-Friedberg. Associated partners of the focus group are the Child Wish Center of Middle Hessen, the School of Veterinary Medicine Pennsylvania (USA), the Rhineland-Westphalia Technical College Aachen, and the Veterinary College Hannover. The focus is on infectious and inflammatory diseases of the male reproductive tract that lead to fertility disorders. In a cooperative approach, this central topic is dealt with comprehensively in two areas: scientifically and clinically. The overriding goal of this translational focus is, to combine basic research with disease-oriented research to develop improved diagnostic and therapeutic concepts for male infertility
- The DFG Research Unit Sulfated Steroids in Reproduction (FOR 1369/ 7 projects **2013 – 2016** / Speaker: Prof. Dr. Martin Bergmann; Coordinator: Prof. Dr. Joachim Geyer) has been established in 2010. Participants are members of the Faculties of Veterinary Medicine and Medicine of the Justus Liebig University Giessen and the Institute of Biochemistry of the Universität des Saarlandes. As sulphated steroids have for a long time thought to represent inactive metabolic products, this project aims to investigate uptake of sulphated steroids in cells of the male and female reproductive tract and transfer into active hormones.
- DFG International Research Training Group (IRTG) between Giessen and Monash University, Melbourne, Australia on “Male Reproductive Health and Disease” (German Speaker: Prof. Meinhardt) is established since 2013 and receives funds until 2017 (**2013-2017**). An extension for a further 4.5 years has been granted for the period **2017 – 2022** (11 projects). The aim of the IRTG is to train doctoral and postdoctoral students within the framework of an interdisciplinary research program and to provide structures for cooperation through an accompanying study program.

Clinical activities

The Department of Urology, Pediatric Urology and Andrology currently has 47 regular beds (inpatient care) and offers the entire conservative and surgical treatment spectrum of Urology, Pediatric Urology and Andrology. Every year, our team treats more than 2.300 inpatients and more than 13.000 outpatients. The department currently employs 16 physicians with state-of-the-art technology to ensure optimal patient care. The Urological department is a certified training center of the EBU (European Board of Urology) for the acquisition of the European board-certified specialist in urology (FEBU) and the EAA (European Academy of Andrology) for the acquisition of the qualification "Clinical Andrologist". In Andrology, clinical sections on surgical, conservative, and molecular andrology have been established. A cryobank is available. In addition, the clinic is a central component of the Hessian Center for Reproductive Medicine (HZRM) and the second opinion center for testicular tumors (Deutsche Krebsgesellschaft, DKG).

The Department of Urology, Pediatric Urology and Andrology offers a broad range of andrological in- and outpatient services as well as laboratory facilities: In 2023 approx. 1.600 andrological patients attended our centre as outpatients and approx. 250 patients as inpatients for andrological surgery or testicular tumors.

Name and address of Centre

EAA Andrology Training Center Giessen

Justus-Liebig-University Giessen, Klinikstrasse 33, 35392 Gießen

Type of Centre

University	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
University Hospital	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Private Centre	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other (please specify)	_____

Type of Centre		<input type="checkbox"/>
University Hospital		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1. Co-Director		Priv.-Doz. Dr. Thorsten Diemer
Academician	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regular Member <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Andrologist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
1a. Co-Director (if more institutions)		Prof. Dr. Andreas Meinhardt
Academician	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regular Member <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Andrologist <input type="checkbox"/>
2a. Clinically responsible		Prof. Dr. Hans-Christian Schuppe
Academician	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Regular Member <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Andrologist <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
3. Present Staff (Senior Clinicians and Scientists)		
1)	Name	Prof. Dr. Florian Wagenlehner
	Degree	Dr. med.
	Speciality	Urologist
Academician	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clinical Andrologist <input type="checkbox"/>
2)	Name	Prof. Dr. Adrian Pilatz
	Degree	Dr. med.
	Speciality	Urologist
Academician	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Member <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Andrologist <input type="checkbox"/>

3)	Name	PD Dr. Monika Fijak
	Degree	Dr. rer. physio.l
	Speciality	Biology
Academician	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clinical Andrologist <input type="checkbox"/>
4)	Name	Dr. Sudhanshu Bhushan
	Degree	Dr. hum. biol.
	Speciality	Biology
Academician	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clinical Andrologist <input type="checkbox"/>
5)	Name	<i>Dr. Jörg Klug (retired)</i>
	Degree	Dr. rer. nat.
	Speciality	Biology
Academician	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clinical Andrologist <input type="checkbox"/>
6)	Name	Prof. Dr. Daniela Fietz
	Degree	Dr. med. vet.
	Speciality	Veterinarian
Academician	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clinical Andrologist <input type="checkbox"/>
7)	Name	<i>Prof. Dr. Klaus Steger (retired)</i>
	Degree	Dr. rer. nat.
	Speciality	Biology
	Full time/part time	Retired 2021
Academician	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Member <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Clinical Andrologist <input type="checkbox"/>
8)	Name	Prof. Dr. Undraga Schagdarsurengin
	Degree	Dr. rer. nat. habil.
	Speciality	Biology, Genetics
	Full time/part time	Full time
Academician	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Member <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Andrologist <input type="checkbox"/>
9)	Name	Dr. Temujin Dansranjav
	Degree	Dr. rer. nat.
	Speciality	Biology
	Full time/part time	Fulltime
Academician	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Member <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Andrologist <input type="checkbox"/>
10)	Name	Dr. Arne Hauptmann
	Degree	Dr. med.
	Speciality	Urologist
	Full time/part time	Full time
Academician	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Member <input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Andrologist <input type="checkbox"/>
11)	Name	Dr. Jens Rosellen
	Degree	Dr. med.
	Speciality	Urologist, FESSM
	Full time/part time	Full time

MD/Biologists/				
1)	Name	Dr. Christine Pleuger		
	Degree	Dr. rer. nat.		
	Speciality	Molecular Biology		
	Full time/part time	Fulltime		
	Academician	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Member	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
				Clinical Andrologist <input type="checkbox"/>
2)	Name	Dr. Aileen Harrer		
	Degree	Dr. rer. Nat.		
	Speciality	Molecular Biology/Anatomy		
	Full time/part time	Fulltime		
	Academician	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Clinical Andrologist <input type="checkbox"/>
3)	Name	Dingding Ai		
	Degree	PhD		
	Speciality	Molecular Biolohgy		
	Full time/part time	Fulltime		
	Academician	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Clinical Andrologist <input type="checkbox"/>
4)	Name	Tiziana Grimaldini		
	Degree	PhD		
	Speciality	Molecular Biology		
	Full time/part time	Fulltime		
	Academician	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Clinical Andrologist <input type="checkbox"/>
5)	Name	Hiba Hasan		
	Degree			
	Speciality			
	Full time/part time	Fulltime		
	Academician	<input type="checkbox"/>	Regular Member	<input type="checkbox"/>
				Clinical Andrologist <input type="checkbox"/>

PhD Students and andrological trainees (ongoing)

1) Name	Sabrina Gies, Giessen, Germany (since 2015)
2) Name	Nils Næsheim, Giessen, Germany (2013-2014 and since 2015)
3) Name	Jakhongir Alidjanov, Tashkent, Uzbekistan (2013-2014)
4) Name	Ricardo Hartley, Santiago, Chile (2013-2014)
5) Name	Vivianna Menzel, Giessen, Germany (2013-2014)
6) Name	Elham Savadi Shiraz, Iran (2013-2018)
7) Name	Kai Tina Steinfeld, Giessen, Germany (2010-2014)
8) Name	Siva Velagala, India (2013-2015)
9) Name	Sarode Gaurav, India (2011-2014)
10) Name	Andreas Benelli, Genua (2014-2015)
11) Name	Kai Ni, Shanghai (2013-2016)
12) Name	Lisa Teuchert, Giessen (2014)

13) Name	Draga Asmarinah, Jakarta, Indonesia (2014)
14) Name	Julia Bender
15) Name	Christine Kleinert
16) Name	Yalong Yang (since 2017)
17) Name	Tao Lei (2015-2019)
18) Name	Britta Klein (2013-2016)
19) Name	Dana Püschl (2016-2018)
20) Name	Juliette Borderies (since 2017)
21) Name	Raouda Sgaier (2018-2023)
22) Name	Rashidul Islam (2019-2023)
23) Name	Jannis Heyer (2019-2023)
24) Name	Miriam Figura (since 2020)
25) Name	Shashika D. Kothalawala (since 2020)
26) Name	Vishnu Kumar
27) Name	Linda Kreylingl
28) Name	Hiba Hassan
Nurses	Nurses from the Dept. of Urology are also engaged in the andrological work-up, not separated for Andrology
Laboratory Technicians	
1) Name	S. Pinkl
2) Name	B. Schuster
3) Name	B. Fröhlich (until 2022)
4) Name	T. Bloch
5) Name	K. Wilhem
6) Name	S. Fröhlich
7) Name	E. Wahle
8) Name	Miguel Keidel (2015-2018)
9) Name	G. Hecker
Administrative Personnel	Katharina Endres
1) Name	Eva Wewel
2) Name	Monika Conrad (retired 2021)
3) Name	Julia Wolf (2013-2017)
4) Name	M. Blazevic
5) Name	Pia Jürgens (IRTG until 2023)

4. Clinical Activity

A. Outpatients: Consultations per year in the last 3 years

	2021	2022	2023
New patients	1310	1676	1722
Follow-up patients	778	913	822

Type of patients in the last years	2021	2022	2023
	Infertility	40%	40 %
Erectile dysfunction	20%	20 %	20%
Hypogonadotropic Hypogonadism	5%	5 %	3%
Klinefelter	1%	1 %	3%
Gynaecomastia	--	below 1 %	1%
Varicocele	7%	8%	8%
Cryptorchidism	4%	5%	4%
Male sex accessory gland infections	10%	1%	8%
Testicular tumours	3%	2%	4%
Disorders of gender identity	1%	below 1 %	0%
Other	10%	16 %	9%

B. Ultrasound (testis, penile, prostate) (Andrological Invest.)

	2021	2022	2023
Total	about 8.000	about 8.000	about 8.000
Controls	---	---	---

** performed at the Dept. of Urology, Pediatric Urology and Andrology*

C. Andrological surgery procedures

	2021	2022	2023
Testicular biopsies/units	102	138	144
Varicocele ligation	17	19	24
Prostate biopsies	more than 200	more than 200	more than 200
BPH	more than 130	more than 120	more than 140
Prostate cancer	45	56	59
Vasectomy	2	5	3
Vaso-vasostomy	28	38	31

5. A. Andrology laboratory activity				
	2021	2022	2023	
Semen analyses	1091	1113	1087	
Sperm antibodies	327	376	377	
Seminal markers	2481	1991	1967	
5. B. Andrology laboratory activity				
Sperm banking donors				
	Yes		No	X
Sperm banking cancer patients	Yes	X	No	
<i>If yes:</i>				
5. C. Histopathological evaluation of biopsies				
	2021	2022	2023	
Number of samples	120	142	133	
5. D. Reproductive Hormones Assays				
	Yes	X	No	
If yes please specify type of assays and number of samples in the last year				
Reproductive Hormones Assays (FSH, LH, testosterone)			See summary	
SHBG, prolactin)				
All infertility pat.: Testosterone, FSH, LH, Prolactin				
All pat. with sexual dysfunction: Testosteron, f-T, Estradiol, Prolactin				
Special indications: T3, T4, TSH, inhibin, cortisol				
approx. 15.000 tests per year				
5. E. Y chromosome microdeletions according to EAA/EMQN guidelines				
	Yes		No	X

If yes number of tests in the past year

In collaboration

approx. 120

Participation to the EAA quality control scheme?	Yes		No	X
<i>If no</i> , specify if available in another lab of the same hospital/ outside Giessen hospital	Yes		No	X
University Genetic Institute				
Blood karyotyping	Yes	X	No	
<i>If no</i> , specify if available in another lab of the same hospital	Yes		No	

Other genetic tests (please specify)

Y chromosome deletions (AZF)

FISH sperm

not performed

Pre-implantation genetic diagnosis

not performed

Amniotic fluid karyotyping

not performed

Y chromosome deletions (AZF); CFTR mutations; azoospermia WES panel (cooperation Prof. F. Tüttelmann, Münster)

6. Collaborations with other Clinical Units of the University/Hospital				
IVF Unit	Yes	X	No	
<i>If yes</i> please specify: Children, Endocrinology, IVF, Urology, Genetics, Pathology				
Urology Clinic (we are the Urology Clinic)	Yes	X	No	
Endocrine Clinic	Yes	X	No	
Genetics Lab/Unit	Yes	X	No	
Paediatric Unit	Yes	X	No	
Central Hospital Laboratory	Yes	X	No	
Private Centres	Yes	X	No	
<i>If yes</i> please specify:				
Private Centres for IVF: Wetzlar, Marburg, Wiesbaden, Offenbach, Darmstadt, Frankfurt, Wuerzburg, Kassel, Göttingen (and beyond)				
7. Clinical teaching activity				
Duration of training (years):		2		
			Number	
A: Trainees in the last five years (Urology)			12	
B: Trainees who passed EAA-ESAU\exam for Clinical Andrologist in the last 5 yrs.			1	
C: Trainees working in the centre preparing to pass the EAA-ESAU examination			1	
D: PhD Students			20	
E: Medical Students			12	
F: Other students (MSc): not applicable			---	
8. Formal Andrology teaching program	Yes	X	No	
<i>If yes:</i> specify duration (years/months):	Years		Months	18

	Hours of formal teaching per year	Professional training (weeks/months)
	Urological Clinic: 2 hours daily (not Friday)	Special program in English, integrated into the section – impaired fertility in men and animals- GGL – Giessen Graduate School of the University (theoretical and scientific background of infertility (about 4-6 hours per week)
Medical Students	Special consultation hours (general andrology, andrology surgery, hypogonadism, sexual dysfunction, Pyronie's disease, operative theatre, ejaculate lab, cryobanking, testicular histology, sonocourses, IVF center, endocrinology)	
PhD Students	same	same
Post Graduate students	same	same
Trainees	same	same

9. Research Activity (maximum 1 page)

Main research topics:

- Human spermatogenic disorders
- Role of sulfated steroids in reproduction
- Immune- / Infection-related male infertility
- Testicular cancer immune interaction
- Viral epididymitis
- Physiology of the epididymis
- Prostatitis and UTI

10. Research Funding

2013-2022

10.425.600 € (DFG + Monash University, Melbourne)

German Research Foundation (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft-DFG)

Anatomy:

Recipient Dr. Sudhanshu Bhushan

- DFG project grant (2023-2026). The Cellular Landscape Underlying the Heterogeneity of Macrophages in Adult Testes During Normal and Diseased Conditions. AZ: BH 94/4-1. 487.268 €.
- DFG project grant (2019-2022). Origin of testicular macrophages and implication of testicular local microenvironment in metabolically shaping the immunosuppressive phenotype. AZ: BH 93/1-4. 537.400 €.

Recipient Prof. Andreas Meinhardt

- DFG-Congress support „Workshop Molecular Andrology“ (Meinhardt) 24 – 26.09.2019, JLU Giessen, Medizinisches Lehrzentrum, Gießen
- - Total volume including central funds € 24.400
- DFG Project Grant (ME1323/13-1): The role of iron in the course of bacterial infection of the testis. CI: Meinhardt, Meyron-Holtz (Haifa, Israel)
- Total volume € 540.640
- Own share € 365.220
- International Research Training Group JLU Giessen- Monash University “Molecular mechanism of male reproductive disorders”, contains 11 projects and central funds, Function: *German spokesperson*
- 2nd funding period: 2017 - 2022
 - Total German volume € 4.154.000
 - Two own projects, central funds € 810.000

Recipient Dr. Monika Fijak

- DFG project grant “Role of galectin 3 in inflammatory response and fibrotic remodelling during chronic epididymo-orchitis”, FI 1801/5-1, 2023 – 2026, 422.200€
- IRTG "Molecular Pathogenesis of Male Reproductive Disorders" (GRK 1871/1), DFG, Project P7 “The role of activins and CCL2/CCR2 in the formation of CD4+CD8+ T cells and fibrotic responses during chronic testicular inflammation in mice (Fijak/ Bhushan/ Hedger/ Loveland), 2017 – 2022
- *Recipients: Oliver D, Renigunta V, Bhushan S, Meinhardt A*
- Von Behring-Röntgen-Stiftung, Justus-Liebig-Universität Gießen and Philipps-Universität Marburg (2018-2022). Voltage sensitive lipid phosphatase (VSP) in mammalian spermatogenesis. 140.000 €..

Recipient Dr. Christiane Pleuger

- Nachwuchsförderung von-Behring-Roentgen-Stiftung "Funktion gewebständiger CX3CR1+ Makrophagen in der Immunregulation des Nebenhodens" Förder--Nr- 69-0029, 195.000 €, 01-2022-12-2024
- DGA-Forschungsstipendium 10.000 € (2024)






Urology, Andrology and Molecular Andrology

- International Research Training Group Giessen-Melbourne “Molecular Pathogenesis of Male Reproductive Disorders”, Project P2: Human testis cancer control by local factors; interrogation of Hedgehog and activin signalling pathways and immune cells (M. Bergmann, H.C. Schuppe, F. Wagenlehner (JLU Giessen), K. Loveland (Monash-Univ. Melbourne) (2017-2022)
- DFG - International Research Training Group Giessen-Melbourne “Molecular Pathogenesis of Male Reproductive Disorders”, Project P4: Proteomics in seminal plasma and testicular interstitial fluid as predictor of successful sperm retrieval in infertile azoospermic men (T. Diemer, A. Pilatz, D. Fietz) (2017-2022)
- DFG - International Research Training Group Giessen-Melbourne “Molecular Pathogenesis of Male Reproductive Disorders”, Project P5: Systemic and local inflammatory gene regulation and redox-signalling in chronic prostatitis - studies in patients' blood and ejaculates towards individualized disease profiling (F. Wagenlehner, U. Schagdarsurengin) (2017-2022)
- DFG - International Research Training Group Giessen-Melbourne “Molecular Pathogenesis of Male Reproductive Disorders”, Project P11: Impacts of epigenetic interactions between TET1 and PRC2 in spermatogenesis and fertility (K. Steger, U. Schagdarsurengin) (2017-2022)
- DFG - International Research Training Group Giessen-Melbourne “Molecular Pathogenesis of Male Reproductive Disorders”, Project P12: Role of oxytocin in the contractility of the male reproductive tract: implications for the treatment of benign prostatic hyperplasia (F. Wagenlehner, T. Linn, R. Middendorff) (2017-2022)
- Forschungsförderung der Deutschen Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG PL 1247/1-1) für Dr. A. Pilatz für Projekt „Virale Orchitis – Fakt oder Fiktion? (2019-2021)
- Joint-Project: Czech (GACR) und DFG (Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft Bonn) Forschungsförderung (STE 892/20-1): Der Spermien LINC Komplex: Der Link zwischen Chromatin Integrität, Spermienmotilität und männlicher Fertilität. (Prof. K. Steger, Koop. Dr. Korskova, Prag, CZ)(2020-2023) (622804642 JLU)
- Forschungsförderung der Deutschen Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG STE 892/19-1) für Prof. K. Steger (Mitantragsteller Prof. H. Schorle) für Projekt: Erzeugung und Analyse von Protamin-1 und Protamin-2 Einzel- und Doppel-defizienten Mäusen durch CRISPR/Cas9 vermitteltes Gen-Editing. Untersuchung von Anatomie, Morphologie, Fertilität, DNA-Hypercondensation, Histonbeladung, Histonmodifikation und epigenetische Vererbung. (2019-2022)
- Forschungsförderung der Deutschen Forschungsgemeinschaft Bonn für BARICADE Forschungsgruppe „Bakterielle renale Infektionen und deren Abwehr“ (DFG WA 3142/7-1) Prof. Dr. F. Wagenlehner, Teilprojekt SP1: „Bewertung von pharmakokinetischen und pharmakodynamischen Parametern der angeborenen Immunität bei Pyelonephritis“ (Mitantragstellerin: Dr. Olga Shevchuk) (12/2022-12/2026) (62280763 JLU)
- Forschungsförderung der Deutschen Forschungsgemeinschaft Bonn für BARICADE Forschungsgruppe „Bakterielle renale Infektionen und deren Abwehr“ (DFG WA 3142/6-1) Prof. Dr. F. Wagenlehner, Teilprojekt Z „Koordinationsfonds“ (12/2022-12/2026) (62280764 JLU)

Sponsored Clinical Studies (Andrology/MAGI-related): Urology

- **MARCIE** - "Medical Chart Review über die klinischen Merkmale von Patienten mit invasiver ExPEC-Erkrankung (extraintestinal pathogene Escherichia coli)", Ingress-Health HWM GmbH, Wismar (Prof. Dr. F. Wagenlehner) (2020-2021)
- **Klosterfrau Studie MCM I** In-Vitro-/Labor-Prüfungen bzgl. "Determination of inhibiting properties of D-Mannose, D- Glucose and D-Fructose on the binding of uropathogenic strains to bladder epithelial cells". Assessment of the urinary excretion of a D-mannose food supplement in healthy women with a subsequent in vitro evaluation of the effect of the obtained urine samples on adhesive properties of
- UPECs. A prospective, single center, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled study (Phase 1). (2021-2023)
- **EAGLE II**: A Phase III, Randomized, Multicenter, Parallel-Group, Double-Blind, Double-Dummy Study in Adolescent and Adult Female Participants Comparing the Efficacy and Safety of Gepotidacin to Nitrofurantoin in the Treatment of Uncomplicated Urinary Tract Infection. GSK Pharma GmbH, London, München (Prof. Dr. F. Wagenlehner) (2022-2023)
- **E.mbrace**: Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-controlled, Multicenter Phase 3 Study to Assess the Efficacy, Safety And Immunogenicity of Vaccination With ExPEC9V in the Prevention of Invasive Extraintestinal Pathogenic Escherichia coli Disease in Adults Aged 60 Years And Older with a History of Urinary Tract Infection in the Past 2 Years. Janssen-Cilag GmbH, Neuss (Prof. Dr. A. Pilatz) (2023-2025)

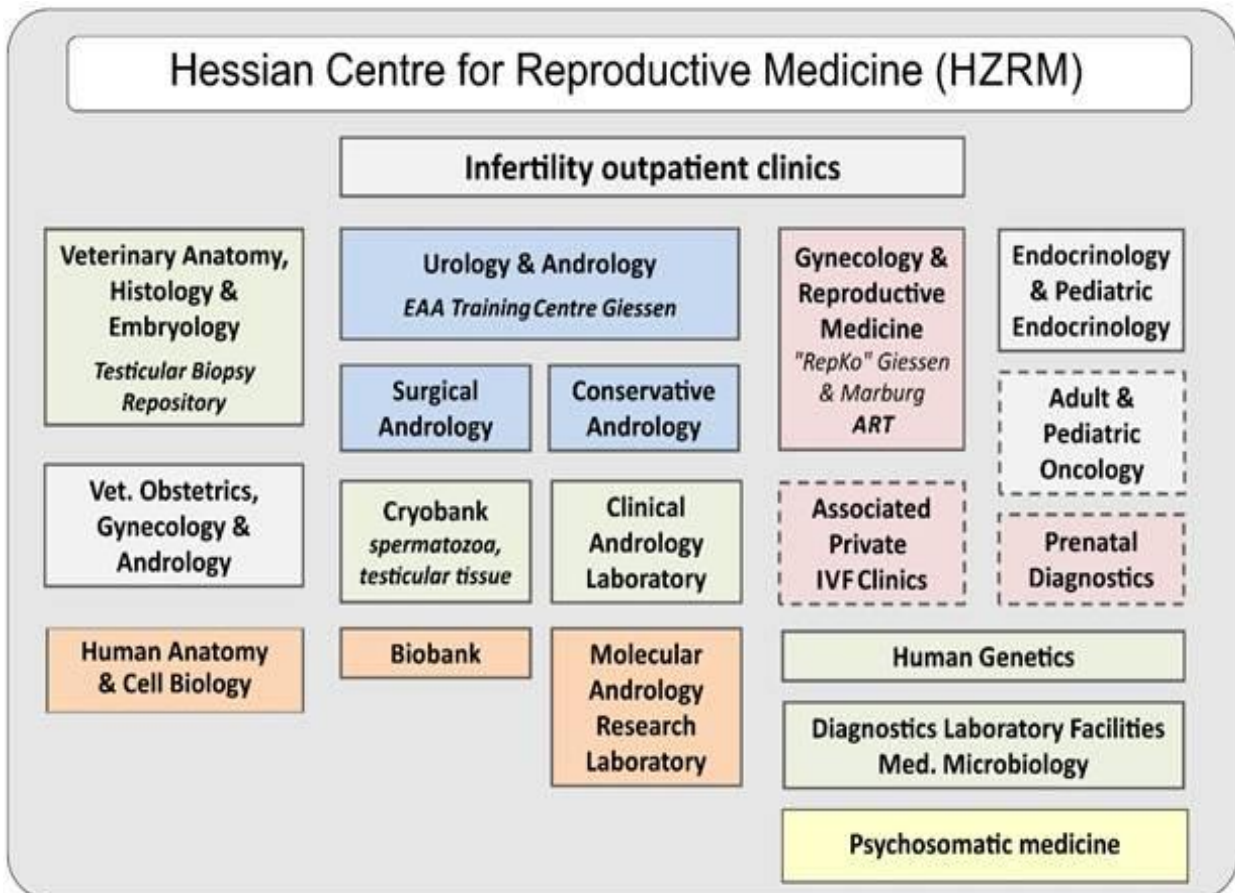
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Outpatient Clinics/ Gynecology /IVF -Center Embryology, Ovarian stimulation , Ultrasound, Oocyte retrieval , Embryo transfer, IVF/ICSI, IUI	 Clinical services
Diagnosis of infertility Counseling of infertile couple Cryopreservation of sperm Ethics in Andrology	 Contribution to EAA training

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Organizational Chart: HZRM



FULL LIST OF PUBLICATIONS of staff members from the last 3 years

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