

Short Biography Professor Simon Fishel

Professor Simon Fishel was part of the original pioneering team (Patrick Steptoe and Robert Edwards) that produced the world's first IVF baby in 1978, for which his mentor Robert Edwards, received the Nobel Prize in 2010. Today Simon is the Founder, President and Head of R&D of the CARE Fertility Group – the UK's largest independent provider of fertility services. He began his research career at the University of Cambridge in 1975 with Robert Edwards and his pioneering work has resulted in several breakthroughs in the field of IVF, over 200 published papers and four books, and he has received many international honorary awards. In 1992 he founded the world's first degree course in IVF and he has advised several international Government committees reviewing policy and legislation on IVF, including advisors to the Vatican. In 2009 Simon was honoured by the Liverpool John Moores University with their highest award of 'University Fellow' for "*outstanding contribution to science and to humanity*".