

Dr Kay Elder biography:

Following an academic career that included degrees in biochemistry (BSc, University of St Andrews), molecular biology (PhD, University of Colorado Medical School) and medicine (MBBChir, Cambridge), Kay Elder joined Bourn Hall in 1984 as Clinical Assistant to Patrick Steptoe, directing the Out-Patient Department from 1985-1987.

Her scientific background as a research scientist at Imperial Cancer Research Fund prior to medical studies in Cambridge naturally led her to Bob Edwards and the IVF laboratory, where she worked as a senior embryologist from 1987.



A programme of Continuing Education for IVF doctors, scientists and nurses was established in 1989, which she directed for 16 years. During this period she also helped to set up and run two Master's degree programmes in Clinical Embryology, and continues to mentor and tutor postgraduate students of Clinical Embryology at the University of Leeds, as well as teaching medical students at Cambridge University.

In her current role as Senior Research Scientist at Bourn Hall, she provides information and counsels patients who wish to donate gametes or embryos to research, and co-ordinates research collaborations with [academic research establishments](#).