ANAT607 Human Embryology - Summer 2013

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Credit: 2 credits

Schedule: May 30th to July 3rd
Tuesday & Wednesday (lecture), 1 pm - 3pm, BSB Room 222P
Thursday (lab), 1 pm - 3pm (+ extra), BSB Room167

Course objectives: Human Embryology is a lecture/lab course designed to develop an understanding of the essential aspects of human embryogenesis, and that many congenital malformations and birth defects arise from the misregulation of specific embryological events. The primary objectives are:

(1) to learn a series of critical events that take place during embryo development to create the structurally and functionally intact human body
(2) to understand the genetic, molecular and cellular basis of the mechanisms that regulate those critical embryological events, and learn how such important knowledge is obtained from studies using non-human model organisms
(3) to learn how the recent advancement in genomic and reproductive technology has yielded new diagnostic methods, surgical procedures, and embryo manipulation tools
(4) to discuss how such advancement has resulted in various issues that are of bioethical concerns


Evaluation and grading
- Written exams (mid-term and final) on lecture materials
- Attendance and participation in discussion
- Lab assessment will be based on demonstration of skills and final report
Schedule (as of April 27, 2013; subject to further change)

Lectures (BSB 222P)

May 30th (Thr)  Introduction
               Overview of human embryology
June 4th (Tue)  Gametes and fertilization
               Placenta development
June 5th (Wed)  Germ layer formation
               Construction of body architecture
June 11th (Tue) Heart development
               Lung development
June 12th (Wed) Development of GI system and associated organs
               Demonstration of plastinated human fetus by Dr. Alarcon
June 18th (Tue) Mid-term exam
June 19th (Wed) Development of central nervous system
               Neural crest development
June 25th (Tue) Muscle and bone development
               Development of head and neck
June 26th (Wed) Kidney development
               Sex differentiation
July 2nd (Tue)  Final exam
July 3rd (Sat)  (Lab report deadline)

Embryology Laboratory

Every Thursday
   (ANAT607 Laboratory; detailed schedule to be announced separately)