

### **About Vito R. S. Cardone, M.D., Medical Director**

**Dr. Vito Cardone** received his undergraduate degree from McGill University in Montreal and his M.D. degree from Laval University in Quebec. He completed his residency in obstetrics and gynecology at McGill University. He is board-certified in obstetrics and gynecology.

He is a pioneer in the field of infertility in both the U.S. and Canada.

Dr. Cardone first became interested in the field of infertility in the mid-70s when he was practicing maternal fetal medicine in Montreal. After the birth of the first in vitro fertilization baby in London in 1978, Dr. Cardone began exploring this new technology.

By 1986, he completed training at Port Royal University Clinic Unit in Paris, where he was part of the team that tested the intravaginal culture procedure (IVC). Later that year, Dr. Cardone founded the Montreal Fertility Institute, which was the first private practice specializing in in vitro fertilization in Canada.

Dr. Cardone has performed IVF and related procedures for about 20 years while founding three successful fertility clinics in the United States.

His career is highlighted by several firsts in infertility medicine:

- He headed the team that achieved the first pregnancy in New England with a woman receiving a donor egg while undergoing IVF (in vitro fertilization).
- He was responsible for the first birth in New England following an epididymal aspiration with IVF.

Under his direction, Dr. Cardone's fertility center was the **first in New England** to:

- Offer PESA
- Achieve a live birth from a blastocyst embryo transfer
- Achieve an assisted hatching pregnancy
- Publish a report of a live birth from a frozen (thawed) embryo using PGD (preimplantation genetic diagnosis).

His training includes postgraduate study in reproductive endocrinology, assisted reproductive technology, diagnostic laparoscopy, laser surgery, and microsurgery, including tubal reversals. He is also trained and experienced in male reproductive physiology, semen analysis, tissue culture, gamete maturation, PGD, fertilization and cleavage.

Dr. Cardone is a fellow of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology and of the Royal College of Surgeons (Canada). He is also a member of the American Society of Reproductive Medicine, the New England Fertility Society, and the Canadian Fertility and Andrology Society.

Dr. Cardone is fluent in four languages including English, French, Spanish and Italian.