

Santiago Munné, Ph.D.

Originally from Barcelona, Dr. Munné gained his Ph.D. in Genetics from the University of Pittsburgh and in 1991, joined Dr. Jacques Cohen at the Cornell University Medical College located in New York City. It was at Cornell, he developed the first Preimplantation Genetic Screening (PGS) test to detect chromosome abnormalities, which resulted in the first PGS babies in 1993, for which he received prizes in 1994 and 1995 by The Society for Assisted Reproductive Technology (SART). In 2001, Dr. Munné co-founded Reprogenetics, with Jacques Cohen and David Sable. He oversaw its expansion to four continents. Reprogenetics was the first commercial lab to offer PGS and PGD and was the market leader until it was sold to in 2015 to Cooper Companies (NYSE: COO).

In 2011 Dr. Munné co-founded with Alex Bisignano the genomics company, Recombine. Its first test, CarrierMap screened for over 300 gene defects, allowing carrier couples to conceive unaffected children through PGD testing. With the purchase by CooperSurgical of Reprogenetics, Recombine and Genesis Genetics, in 10/2016 Dr. Munné's became the Chief Scientific Officer of Genomics for CooperSurgical.