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Upon return from his training (Belgium 1995), he became among the local pioneers in IVF. He authored chapters in local textbooks and published articles in local and international journals. He became a sought-after speaker in local and later regional ART conventions.

He initiated the first local Guidelines on the Ethics of ART (2006). As PSRM president (2010), he pursued the standardized reporting of semen analysis. In 2011, he initiated the creation of the ART Regulatory Board that led to the development of guidelines in the local IVF practice.

His most noteworthy achievement is the establishment of CARMi that became the country's first fully Filipino, hospital-based IVF facility and created a 'one-stop infertility shop'. Today, Dr. Novero continues to head CARMi with the following local 'firsts': the introduction of serum AMH test, laser assisted hatching, sperm DNA fragmentation test, micro-dissection TESE, time-lapse videography, and most recently, ovarian tissue cryopreservation.

Currently, Dr. Novero is an Associate Professor at UP Manila, the Section head of REI and CARMi of St. Luke's-Global City. He is also the chair of the ART Regulatory Board of PSRM and the Treasurer-elect and local representative to ASPIRE.