On Fertility Clinics and Uncomfortable Boyfriends

Wendy Chang (far right), here with Drs. Mark Surany and Carrie Wambach, was really a wonderful host during my time at the Southern California Reproductive Center. (Thank you!)

A self-proclaimed science nerd, Rachelle has her B.A. in neuroscience from Smith College in North Carolina and is working towards her Master’s in psychology at UCSB. In her free time, she blogs at www.scienceposition.com. She never could quite understand why she had to choose just one area of science, they are all fascinating. Especially when paired with some classic rock.

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