

# Lectures from Edinburgh University

The following video shows a public lecture presented by Professor Jane Norman on Thursday 21 October 2010. This is the first lecture in the 2010 Medical Detectives lecture series. Jane Norman is Professor of Maternal and Fetal Health at the University and Director of the Tommy's Centre of Maternal and Fetal Health.

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The University website says:- Birth is the single event that unites us all. There is still much to learn about this process and there are few treatments when birth goes wrong.

Pre-term birth is on the rise. It is the single biggest cause of death and disability amongst babies born in the UK.

Maternal obesity is also increasing with associated problems for mothers and babies including increased risk of miscarriage, caesarean section and maternal death.

This lecture traces the detective work used to understand the process of labour and how we can improve outcomes for mums and babies."