



EVERREST

The EVERREST team presented prospective study to Global Pregnancy Collaboration

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At the beginning of September the Global Pregnancy Collaboration (CoLab) held their annual conference at Oriel College, Oxford. CoLab is an international consortium of centres that enables sharing of data and biological samples with investigators worldwide to facilitate research studies of adverse pregnancy outcomes. Dr Rebecca Spencer, Clinical Research Fellow at UCL, introduced the EVERREST prospective study, which has now joined the CoLab collaboration. The prospective study is collecting data and biological samples from women who present with severe early onset fetal growth restriction. Joining CoLab will enable even better use of this valuable resource.

At the suggestion of Dr Anna David, the EVERREST Project lead, this year's conference focused on placental health. Experts in placental research from Europe and the USA explained the ways in which problems with placental structure and function may lead to problems in pregnancy, including pre-eclampsia, growth restriction, and preterm birth.

Many of the speakers highlighted the importance of collecting high quality data and placental samples when carrying out placental research. This has been a key concern for the EVERREST Consortium, which is why the data and sample collection for the EVERREST prospective study are based on the recommendations published by CoLab (Myatt et al. *Hypertension* 2014;63(6):1293-301 and Burton et al. *Placenta* 2014;35(1):9-22). To help promote the quality of future pregnancy research, CoLab are currently developing an online database which researchers all across the world will be able to use to collect data (<https://pre-empt.cfri.ca/colaboratory/global-pregnancy-collaboration>).

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