

# VANCOUVER

## Normal Labour & Birth: 5<sup>th</sup> International Research Conference July 20-23, 2010



**5th of the International Normal Labour and Birth Research Conference Series:**

hosted by the North American Steering Committee of this series and  
the Midwifery Program at the University of British Columbia  
in collaboration with the University of Central Lancashire.



## CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Research presentation abstracts relating to the following 5 Conference themes are invited:  
Defining and Describing Normal Birth, Practice, Public Information, Education, and Policy.

### Priority Research Areas

#### Defining and Describing Normal Birth

- ◆ Development and modulation of belief systems in maternity care.
- ◆ Descriptive data on characteristics of normal, undisturbed labour and birth.
- ◆ Physical and psychosocial consequences of physiologic birth.

#### Practice

- ◆ Practice models or components of care that promote physiologic birth.
- ◆ Multidisciplinary strategies to promote physiologic birth.
- ◆ Conflict resolution in labour and delivery.
- ◆ Impact of obstetric interventions and/or pharmacologic agents in labour and birth.
- ◆ Measuring outcomes of physiologic labour and birth.

#### Public Information

- ◆ The bioethics of provider interactions with women's choices.
- ◆ Social and cultural implications of optimal childbirth.
- ◆ Evaluations of client satisfaction.
- ◆ Client-led/community-based research.
- ◆ Public perceptions of use of pharmacologic agents in birth care.

#### Education

- ◆ Curriculum to enhance knowledge about physiologic birth.
- ◆ Strategies to develop knowledge, skills, and confidence to support physiologic birth.
- ◆ Interprofessional education.

#### Policy

- ◆ Cost-effectiveness of normal birth care.
- ◆ Access to maternity care resources.
- ◆ Linkages between normal birth and primary health care reform.
- ◆ Initiatives aimed at low-intervention care and undisturbed birth.

**Abstracts will be accepted through Friday, January 15, 2010**

To submit an abstract, follow instructions at:

<http://www.midwifery.ubc.ca/midwifery/normalbirth/cfa.htm>

# 2010 Normal Labour and Birth Conference

## 5th International Normal Labour & Birth Research Conference

Coast Coal Harbour Hotel, Vancouver, British Columbia

July 20-23, 2010

This conference will focus on concepts and controversies related to the experiences of physiologic birth by providers, women, families, and systems of care. within the current social, political, and economic context.

### CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

- ◆ To engage multidisciplinary maternity care researchers, providers, and policy makers in discussion about key controversies related to physiologic labour and birth
- ◆ To disseminate recent, relevant research on effective strategies to promote normal labour and birth
- ◆ To facilitate multidisciplinary collaboration in designing care models, policies, and practices that reflect best evidence.
- ◆ To provide a foundation for future collaboration in research efforts that examine and document models of maternity care that support of normal labour and birth.
- ◆ To identify relevant curricula components for maternity care professional education programs specific to normal birth.
- ◆ To develop an international multidisciplinary research agenda focused on normal labour and birth



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### Final Plenary Session:

Facilitated session to develop a strategic research agenda and knowledge translation plan

### Impact:

The final breakout session will form 4 working groups to collaboratively develop specific knowledge translation plans for normal birth research: Public Information, Practice, Education and Policy

For further details and for registration information, visit the Normal Birth Conference website:  
[www.midwifery.ubc.ca/midwifery/normalbirth/conf.htm](http://www.midwifery.ubc.ca/midwifery/normalbirth/conf.htm)

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