

Prof. Dr. Phillip Bennett



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Prof. Phillip Bennett, is one of the country's leading academics in obstetrics. He was promoted to professor at a young age and has held the position with distinction since 1966. Prof. Bennett was born and educated in Kent and graduated in medical education at St George's Hospital London in 1982. His papers are regularly published in a number of journals. He is an excellent lecturer and has an international reputation based on his scientific research. Prof. Bennett's commitment to the health service is considerable as he also runs an obstetric service both at Hammersmith Hospital and Queen Charlotte's Hospital.

Prof. Bennett is making discoveries into the reason why women go into labour too early. He and his team have discovered a major inflammatory factor that is responsible for initiating preterm birth. This factor controls the activity of a network of genes, and Prof. Bennett hopes to target these genes in his search to prevent so many small babies being born, a highly promising approach which is likely to delay preterm labour and protect babies from handicap.

One aspect of Prof. Bennett's work is to combine resources at Queen Charlotte's Hospital and run a specialised clinic for women that have experienced premature labour or a late miscarriage. This clinic not only provides emotional support but also skilled obstetric monitoring. Specialised ultrasound is used to detect changes in the cervix, the neck of the womb, which helps detect the possibility of early labour. The clinic helps these women in various ways, both with specialised drugs and other interventions.