# **Session title: Longitudinal twin birth cohorts**

### **Description**

This session will include talks about longitudinal twin registries from around the world, including those studying the early life origins of health and disease.

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