

Workshop 2C: Twin Birth Cohorts

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Summary:

Longitudinal twin birth cohorts are able to link early life risk factors with risk for chronic conditions and provide valuable information for twin growth and development and health of the mothers of twins. They also enable the collection and reporting of chorionicity and zygosity, vital for twin research and families of twins.

This workshop brings together the major stakeholders in twin birth cohorts: twins advocates, medical researchers, and clinicians. We also welcome researchers seeking to include twins in studies of the early life origins of health and disease and twin researchers wanting to find out more. The aim of this workshops is to:

1. highlight the work of existing longitudinal twin birth cohorts;
2. assist in the creation of new twin birth cohorts through shared knowledge and expertise; encourage data and sample harmonisation and analysis;
3. encourage collaboration between twin pregnancy researchers such as gynaecologists, obstetricians, ultrasonologists and neonatologists, and non-clinical health researchers;
4. seek opportunities for collaboration and replication; and
5. seek the input from stakeholders.

We invite representatives to talk about their twin cohorts (~3 minutes each) and there will be plenty of time for questions and discussion. Details of the speakers will be updated up to the conference.