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Three kinds of caesarean sections: the foetal/neonatal perspective**Michel Odent***Primal Health Research Centre, UK*

From the "point of view" of the foetus/neonate, we provide reasons to contrast "birth without labour" (that is birth by pre-labour caesarean section) and all the other vaginal and abdominal modes of birth. From a great diversity of theoretical reasons, one can anticipate that babies born by pre-labour caesarean sections are different from the others. We also provide reasons to popularize the concepts of "in labour non-emergency caesarean sections" and "planned in-labour caesarean sections".

Biography

Michel Odent, MD studied medicine at Paris University. He has been in charge of the surgical unit and the maternity unit at the Pithiviers (France) state hospital (1962-1985). He is the author of the first article in the medical literature about the use of birthing pools (Lancet 1983), of the first article about the initiation of lactation during the hour following birth (1977), and of the first article applying the 'Gate Control Theory of Pain' to obstetrics (1975). He coined the term "hormone of love" when mentioning oxytocin. He created the Primal Health Research database (www.primalhealthresearch.com).