

Influenza virus inhibitor secretion in the colostrum of postmature Chinese women.

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Abstract : The authors have shown previously that there is a rise in the titre of a non-specific inhibitor of influenza virus haemagglutinin in colostrum just before normal parturition and, in Chinese women, a similar rise within 24 hours of medical or surgical induction of labour [see *Abstr. Hyg.*, 1974, v. 49, abstr. 3376].

In this brief note they observe that 4- to 32-fold increases in titre of the inhibitor were found in the colostrum of 29 post-mature Chinese women who had induced labours, and in 10 of 11 post-mature women who came into labour spontaneously. The rises occurred within 24 hours of either induction or natural labour. The authors conclude that this phenomenon is related to labour rather than the stage of pregnancy. *E. A. Boulter.*

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