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“Understanding the relationship
between advanced maternal age
and pregnancy outcome”

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Gordon CS Smith is Professor and Head of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, *University of Cambridge*. He obtained his degrees (BSc 1987, MB ChB 1990, MD 1995, PhD 2001, and DSc 2012) at *Glasgow University*. His clinical training (with sub-specialty in Maternal-Fetal Medicine) was also in Glasgow. He held Wellcome Trust Clinical Research Fellowships at *Glasgow University* (1992-1993) and *Cornell University, USA* (1996-1999). He was elected Fellow of the Academy of Medical Science in 2010. He has been Chair of the *RCOG Clinical Study Group for Stillbirth* since 2011.

Professor Smith has conducted large-scale epidemiological studies on pregnancy-related exposures and outcomes using Scottish national records of maternal and perinatal health data. He was also first to identify pregnancy associated plasma protein A as a predictor of adverse pregnancy outcomes. He currently leads the **Pregnancy Outcome Prediction Study**, a prospective cohort of 4,500 women having first births, which focuses on identifying biochemical and ultrasonic indicators of placentation to provide clinically useful prediction of risk of major adverse pregnancy outcomes.

He has published widely in major journals including JAMA, the Lancet, NEJM and Nature. But his seminal piece in the 2003 BMJ Christmas edition (*BMJ 2003;327:1459–61*) is by far the most intriguing and surely a must-read for any budding epidemiologist.