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Progesterone may eliminate early births

By Sherri Roberts
Staff Writer

More than 200,000 babies are born prematurely each year in the United States. Through the efforts of researchers in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M, however, these numbers may be reduced.

Robert Burghardt, associate professor of veterinary medicine-anatomy, is conducting experiments on animals, the majority of which are rodents, to determine the factors causing these premature births and the measures needed to prevent them.

By gaining a clearer understanding of the anatomical factors associated with labor, researchers may be able to develop safe and effective measures to regulate the labor process in humans, he said.

Burghardt said one factor causing premature labor is the abnormally early formation of channels in the smooth muscle cells of the uterus. These channels, which are synthesized by the stimulation of the hormone estrogen, transmit signals between cells that regulate the contractions in the labor process.

Levels of the hormone progesterone, which inhibit the formation of these channels, may be reduced prematurely, causing the channels to form.

By injecting pregnant animals with synthetic hormones, which cause the depletion of progesterone levels, researchers have induced the early onset of labor in the animals, Burghardt said. Likewise, by injecting animals with synthetic hormones that bind progesterone receptors, preventing the depletion of progesterone levels, labor is delayed.

"We're manipulating the system to generate a physiological response," he said.

Although researchers have been able to regulate the labor process in animals, there is no established evidence that progesterone alone inhibits premature channel formation in humans, Burghardt said. The application of this research to humans may not be available for several years, he said.

Medical doctors use compounds called betaagonists to delay premature labor contractions in humans. However, the compound delays birth for only about two weeks, he said.

What's Up

Friday

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST: will have Friday Night Alive at 7:30 p.m. in 108 Harrington.

MANAGEMENT 481: Heriberto Herrera, president of Vanir Properties, will speak about minority issues and his successes at 10 a.m. in 114 Blocker.

OPAS: will present Gershwin Surprise at noon in the MSC main lounge. "One and Only," a Gershwin musical, will be presented at 8 p.m. in Rudder Auditorium.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ASSOCIATION: invites all countries that want to be represented in the cultural display during international week to meet at 1 p.m. or 3 p.m. in Rudder.

ALPHA PHI OMEGA: will have Parents' Night Out from 6:30-10:30 p.m. in 212 MSC.

INTERNATIONAL WEEK: committees for cultural display and art exhibit will meet at 1 p.m. in 504 Rudder. There will be a rehearsal for the talent show and dress parade at 7 p.m. in 224 MSC.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will discuss "Stations of the Cross" at 7:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Church. There will also be a singles potluck dinner at 8 p.m. at 709 Fairview.

AUSTIN HOMETOWN CLUB: will have a party at 8:30 p.m. at Alicia's house. Call 822-7341 for directions.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: will meet at noon. Call the C.D.P.E. at 845-0209 for more details.

Saturday

MSC OPAS/TAMU ROADRUNNERS: will have "Run for the Arts," to promote fitness and the arts. A one-mile run will begin at 9 a.m. and a 5K fun-run at 9:30 a.m., beginning at the main entrance of G. Rollie White Coliseum. Registration is in the MSC.

WESLEY FOUNDATION: will have a rummage sale from 8 a.m.-7 p.m. in the fellowship hall of the Wesley Foundation, 201 Tauber.

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have an interpersonal relationship seminar from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at St. Mary's student center.

TEXAS SOCIETY TO PREVENT BLINDNESS: will have a free photo/makeup session for those who want to enter "The Most Beautiful Eyes" contest from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. at Dillard's.

Sunday

CATHOLIC STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will have a Bible study and donuts at 9:30 a.m. at St. Mary's student center.

CIRCLE K INTERNATIONAL: will have a scrapbook meeting at 2 p.m. in the second-floor study carrel in Hobby. For more information call Elizabeth Speakman at 260-0126.

Monday

HISTORY CLUB: Dr. Pisan will speak about "American Environmental History" at 7:30 p.m. in 404 Rudder.

POLITICAL SCIENCE SOCIETY: will meet at 7 p.m. in 410 Rudder.

SPEECH COMMUNICATION SOCIETY: will have a membership drive and field trip sign-up from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. in Blocker.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL: will meet at 7 p.m. in 308 Rudder.

TRIATHLON CLUB: will meet at 8:30 p.m. in 230 G. Rollie White.

HISPANIC BUSINESS STUDENT ASSOCIATION: will meet at 7 p.m. in 125 Blocker.

TAMU SNOW SKI CLUB: will meet at 7 p.m. in 504 Rudder.

RECREATIONAL SPORTS: will have registration from 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. in 153 Rudder for a rock climbing clinic, spring break rafting/kayaking trip, handball doubles, basketball 3 point show, billiard singles, canoe trip, mountain bike tri, horseshoe doubles and wrestling.

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