







Availability, access and outcomes of external cephalic version for women with breech presentation at term in UK maternity units.

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## The presentation will include:



### Background

- Breech presentation
- External cephalic version

Aim of the study

Method

**Expected outcomes** 

Acknowledgements

## Breech presentation at term

#### The Three Types of Breech Presentation 1. Frank breech: the legs point straight up in front of the baby's body, with the feet near the head. 2. Complete breech: the legs are folded at the knees, with the feet near the buttocks. 3. Footling breech: one or both feet point down.

- •3-4% of term babies
- •20,000 UK per year
- •16% of all caesarean sections
- •Maternal age ≥ 35
- First time mothers
- Term Breech Trial

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## External cephalic version

# Procedure for Turning the Baby The baby is in breech position. 2. The doctor feels for the baby's head and bottom.

- •36 week appointment
- •NICE (2008) offer ECV
- •50% rate of turning
- Late diagnosis
- Caesarean section
- Risks for mother
- Risks for baby

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## Aim of the study

•To map the current availability, uptake and outcome of external cephalic version for singleton term breech pregnancies.

## Method

- Survey of UK maternity units
- Sampling frame
- Directors/Heads of midwifery
- Pilot study
- Main study
- Data collection and analysis

## Expected outcomes

Extent to which evidenced based practice for ECV is being implemented in UK maternity units

- Availability of ECV
- Access to ECV
- ECV training opportunities

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