

# More Ridiculous Research with lambs at the BC Woman's Hospital

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From cigarette smoking to sleep deprivation to breaking the legs of rabbits to blinding kittens there are many ridiculously absurd experiments conducted when tough economic times impact health care services. The vivisection industry deceives the public into thinking that all animal research is used to treat and cure life threatening conditions – Not True! These are not only cruel but are a waste of animal lives, and your tax dollars. Some of these researchers have been doing the same experiments for decades.

These experiments were approved by “Animal Care” and Grant Oversight Committees. These experiments add nothing to medical progress and tell us nothing we need to know—or didn't know already **Here are two examples:**

**1. COMPARING ACTIVITY AND REST IN FULL TERM AND PRETERM LAMBS** - Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Child & Family Research Institute, University of British Columbia. ([Reprod Fertil Dev.](#) 2008;20(3):418-30.[Rurak DW](#))

A sensor was placed around the necks of term and preterm lambs to measure rest and activity in newborn lambs. **Researcher stated that “All lambs exhibited bouts of activity, lasting from approximately 2 to 60 min, separated by periods of inactivity of about equal duration. In relation to postnatal age, preterm lambs had a significantly lower frequency and intensity of activity bouts compared with term lambs and significantly longer mean active bout duration.”**

As observed in human babies it is common sense that fully developed animals would be more active.

**2. COMPARISON OF SURGICALLY INSTRUMENTED SHEEP VERSUS FLOCK RAISED SHEEP** - Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Child & Family Research Institute, University of British Columbia [prod Fertil Dev.](#) 2010;22(2):459-67.

**“The objective was to compare gestation length in chronically instrumented (laboratory) pregnant sheep (n = 131) and in the breeding flock (n = 476) that provided the experimental sheep.”** This was done to “To examine potential factors that contributed to the preterm birth, a severity score was used, which comprised surgery characteristics, number of experiments and maternal or fetal complications. It is concluded that in chronic pregnant sheep preparations, there is a significant incidence of preterm birth and that this is associated with the severity of the surgical intervention and with several maternal and fetal complications.”

Well it is just common sense that if researchers implant numerous surgical instruments into unborn lambs there will be “severe” complications.