

## **ABSTRACT**

### **Objective**

To compare the outcome of pregnancy beyond 40 weeks gestation as regards induction of labour versus spontaneous onset of labour

### **Study design and setting**

A Prospective observational study carried out in antenatal wards and labour rooms of Tertiary care station [Castle street hospital for women and North Colombo Teaching hospital]

### **Study method**

Two hundred and eighteen uncomplicated singleton pregnancies beyond 40 weeks of gestation were studied in Spontaneous onset of labour group (n=115, 52.8%) and induction of labour (n=103, 47.2%) group.

### **Main outcome measures**

The obstetric outcome, intrapartum complications, neonatal outcome, postpartum complications and hospital stay were analyzed in each group.

