“Decreased Preterm Births in an Inner-City Public Hospital”
(Leveno KJ, McIntire DD, Bloom SL, Sibley MR, Anderson RJ)
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1. What type of study design did the authors use in this study? Why did they choose this study design? What are the benefits and disadvantages of this design to achieve their objectives?

2. In the Methods section, the authors state, “research nurses assess the data for consistency and completeness before they are stored electronically”—is this important? Why did they mention this in their research study? Does this have implications for the generalizability of the findings?

3. How was prenatal care defined in this study? How does that definition impact the results?

4. What are the implications of these findings for clinical care? Should the results of this trial change clinical practice? Will you alter your clinical care based on the findings?

5. The authors only included women with prenatal care. What do you think would happen to the results if this were not an inclusion criterion?