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## Discussion On NZ Childbirth

Childbirth in New Zealand will be discussed at a Women's Health Group seminar next month.

Dr W. G. Whittlestone, scientific adviser to Parent Centres Inc in New Zealand and Australia, will discuss attitudes to infant nurture, breastfeeding in infant development and the hormones of pregnancy, birth and breastfeeding.

He serves on the professional advisory committee of the La Leche League International and is on the league's board of consultants in New Zealand.

Dr Whittlestone has also had a long association with the Ruakura Animal Research Station. He headed the physiology and hygiene sections.

Joan Donley, a domiciliary midwife, will speak on home birth and the politics of childbirth.

The "Maternal Infant Bonding — myth or reality" talk will be held at the Auckland Technical Institute on November 8.