

Teamwork in real-life obstetric emergencies – TREAT

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Research focus:

- What are the characteristics of effective teamwork in real-life maternity emergencies?
- How do senior and junior professionals enact their role discursively in the spatiomaterial context of the emergency room?

Methodology:

We combine linguistic analysis with a holistic view of medical and spatiomaterial performance. The analysis takes a combined Conversation Analytic and Interactional Sociolinguistics approach, integrating multimodal information and the exploitation of material space.

Key findings:

- Effective teamwork is embodied; positioning and moving in the material space is part of enacting professional roles.
- Senior doctors enact leadership multimodally: they position self in a central material zone and use multimodally achieved directives & questions which build on each other.
- Seniority in this context is claimed, projected and resisted discursively, confirming the situated nature of leadership.

To find out more:

Mesinioti, P., J. Angouri, T. Draycott, S. O'Brien, C. Bristowe, & D. Siassakos, (Under review). 'Get me the airway there': negotiating leadership in obstetric emergencies.