

1. Regarding the term “birth trauma”:

a. what is your preferred definition of the term?

To me, birth trauma is trauma suffered during pregnancy, labour, birth and postpartum. It can be both physical and psychological trauma.

b. why is this the preferred definition? I prefer this definition as it covers both physical and psychological trauma, not just physical.

2. Regarding the term “obstetric violence”:

a. what is your preferred definition of the term?

I don't personally use the term obstetric violence so I can't make comment on this question.

b. why is this the preferred definition?

3. Can you explain why “informed consent” is necessary for women with respect to decisions they make regarding all aspects of their pregnancy?

When women are pregnant they are solely responsible for the welfare and safety of their unborn child. They make decisions based on the information that is given to them by their care providers. Women cannot provide “informed consent” if they don't receive all of the information available on whatever treatment or procedure a care provider is suggesting.

Informed consent is necessary as the only person who should be making decisions for her baby is the mother.