

INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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Hospital 2009, booked c section with spinal block and epidural. Extreme pain in process and didn't feel right as I had had a previous c section so was familiar with the process. I then heard the doctor say oh now there is blood that's not good, at this point I was in a great deal of pain and watching my blood pressure going through the roof. They eventually managed to place the epidural at which time my blood pressure plummeted and I felt as tho I was going to dye. Like the women that was featured on the Project show I had that moment of clarity, all I could think was at least I'm in the surgery room and they could save my baby even if I die. They quickly opened my IV full force and gave extra medication to raise my blood pressure up. I don't remember much of the surgery but what I do have is photos that my husband took when they brought out my daughter as a blue lifeless baby. I have not looked at the records for a little while but I felt at the time that her APGAR score was falsified. In the following days I complained of back pain to what felt like deaf ears until about day 3 of my stay (also had surgical wound infection) they sent the anaesthesia doctor down about my back just for him to say "well your spine was chipped so of course it's going to be sore" this is the first time that they had told me what had happened. I would have expected this to be told to me sooner.

I really thought I was going to dye the day of my procedure. I was treated poorly when complaining of back pain only to find out I had been injured and nobody had told me about it. No one mentioned what happened to my daughter during this process of blood pressure plummeting but the photos don't lie. She also passed a stool which is a sign of oxygen deprivation.

I realise there is risk with any procedure but the lack of information provided to me and the way I was treated when I asked was deplorable.