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## INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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As a massage therapist specialising in women's health, I hear a lot of traumatic birth stories. This impacts the woman profoundly. I am saddened to hear these stories on a regular basis due mainly to issues in the public system. My own story with a traumatic birth experience was in Public Hospital in 2017. I was 41 weeks pregnant and went into spontaneous labour. Labour wasn't progressing fast enough and the doctors intervened. Coming in without talking to me, acknowledging me or even asking for my consent, they demanded I be induced. The Dr on duty would come in now and then and all I saw was him looking at my file then demanding the midwife turn it up. Without even looking at me! Not asking how I was feeling.. nothing. I am so saddened by this treatment to laboring women.