

**Submission  
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## **INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA**

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My birth trauma took place at 31/5 weeks of my pregnancy when I was admitted to my private hospital with PPROM, on a weekend with my obstetrician away and an unfamiliar on call obstetrician instead. I was hooked up to the CTG machine and suddenly the babies heartbeat was nowhere to be found and panic ensued. My clothes were ripped off me, my thigh was jabbed with an anti contraction injection and a speculum was shoved into my vagina all without my consent - all in preparation for emergency c-section, while my husband stands there scared and confused and I am beyond anxious feeling like a mere vessel who's feelings, well-being and safety are not as important as the baby's. Luckily the heartbeat was soon detected and all calmed down. Although I was able to communicate this with my OB and ensured this doesn't happen again but the trauma of those few minutes are now deeply engrained in my body.