

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

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In October 2022 my second daughter Hailey was stillborn at 39+5 weeks into my pregnancy. She was absolutely perfect. The autopsy showed no issues with her. The placenta is what failed her. My darling girl was 3.2 kilos when I gave birth to her. My placenta was small. Graded on the 5th percentile, with nearly 20% of it having died away. I believe that if my placenta had of been measured as part of standard care and the blood flow been checked at a late third trimester ultrasound that she would be here in my arms today. Dr Harvey Kliman has developed a way to measure an estimated placental volume which could be used as a tool to help assist midwives/drs/OBGYNS to help decide if a baby is safer being induced or allowing the pregnancy to go past term. I feel there are several, if not more, practices that can be enhanced and included in pregnancy monitoring that can potentially save so many babies lives. Thank you for reading my submission.