

**Submission  
No 1275**

## **INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA**

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As a doula, I witnessed my client receive stitches. Dr was extremely cold and insensitive. Dr advised my client that stitches were essential and there was no other option. I witnessed my client scream in agony and ask the Dr to stop, the Dr replied "stop moving" "relax". Absolutely appalling. No empathy or effort to provide more options, especially with a 2nd degree tear and a graze which we know can heal naturally.