

Submission
No 1276

INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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October 2021 I was sent for an ultrasound to check fetal measurements during this ultrasound I asked the technician to check the placenta for size and position this included a transvaginal ultrasound as well. The technician stated all looked fine and the radiologist also noted no issues. November 19 2021 I presented to hospital in well established labour with slight bleeding as this was my 3rd child I knew this was unusual. I allowed ctg monitoring which showed significant fetal bradycardia. I was checked by an OBGYN who felt fetal blood vessels across the cervix. I had an undiagnosed type 2 vasa previa despite having an ultrasound just 4 weeks earlier. I was rushed to the operating theatre for a general anaesthetic caesarean. I had a post partum hemorrhage and undiagnosed pre eclampsia. This lead to a critical care admission and an extremely long recovery. I have spent a significant amount of time and money healing from this. abdominal rehab supplements naturopath chiropractic care and scar treatment. It significantly delayed my return to work as well as I am a recovery nurse.