

**Submission
No 1240**

INQUIRY INTO BIRTH TRAUMA

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I had my second baby prematurely at 34+4 in 2021. Several weeks after NSW lockdown ended. Assumed Braxton Hicks for the ~36hrs prior to his arrival. Rushed to hospital with bleeding+++ , waters soon broke and rushed to theatre. Baby chose to make himself known just after the spinal and he was a VBAC in theatre literally 30seconds before the emergency caesarean was to proceed. Fast, thankfully safe, but still traumatic. No time to process what had happened as he had an almost 3 week stay in special care with a NG tube while learning how to breastfeed. Misdiagnosed by my OB who didn't think a rash was shingles, however this was immediately noticed by the OB on call that day (weekend delivery) and confirmed with a swab.