

Bibliography: OBSTETRICAL VIOLENCE

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Every woman has the right to the highest attainable standard of health, which includes the right to dignified, respectful health care throughout pregnancy and childbirth, as well as the right to be free from violence and discrimination. Abuse, neglect or disrespect during childbirth can amount to a violation of a woman's fundamental human rights, as described in internationally adopted human rights standards and principles.

- *WHO: Statement on the prevention and elimination of disrespect and abuse during facility-based childbirth*

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