

Special Issue

Obstetric Violence and Women's Health

Message from the Guest Editor

I am guest editing a Special Issue on "Obstetric Violence and Women's Health" in the *International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health*, a peer-reviewed journal that publishes articles and communications in the interdisciplinary area of environmental health sciences and global health.

Obstetric violence is a particular kind of abuse in health care that has been reported globally. Obstetric violence is a rather new concept often focusing on childbirth, (even when referring to maternal care which includes pregnancy), and overmedicalization, i.e. non-medically justified obstetric interventions. Other important components may be dehumanization and disrespectful and non-consented care, and the overall conversion of biological processes into pathological ones. The imbalance of information and power between health care provider and the patient is an important conditional factor, but other intersecting factors on individual as well as structural level are also crucial for the persistence of occurrence of obstetric violence.

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