



National Advocates
for Pregnant Women

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Recommended reading related to violations of human and civil rights during pregnancy and birth:

Jeanne Flavin and Lynn M. Paltrow. Arrests of and Forced Interventions on Pregnant Women in the United States, 1973–2005: Implications for Women’s Legal Status and Public Health. *Journal of Health Politics, Policy and Law*, Vol. 38, No. 2, April 2013. Available at: <https://read.dukeupress.edu/jh ppl/article/38/2/299/13533/Arrests-of-and-Forced-Interventions-on-Pregnant>

Michele Goodwin, *Criminalizing Pregnancy: Policing Pregnant Women Who Use Drugs in the USA*, Amnesty International (2017). Available at: <https://www.amnesty.org/download/Documents/AMR5162032017ENGLISH.pdf>

Elizabeth Kukura. *Obstetric Violence*. 106 *Geo L.J.* (2018). Available at: <http://www.may28.org/obstetric-violence/>

Sarah Yahr Tucker, “There is a Hidden Epidemic of Doctors Abusing Women in Labor, Doula Say” *Broadly*, May 8, 2018. Available at: https://broadly.vice.com/en_us/article/evqew7/obstetric-violence-doula-abuse-giving-birth

Farah Diaz-Tello. *Invisible wounds: obstetric violence in the United States*. *Reprod. Health Matters*. 2016 May; 24 (47). Available at: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/27578339>

Tamara Windau-Melmer. *A Guide for Advocating for Respectful Maternity Care*. Washington, DC: Futures Group, Health Policy Project (2013). Available at: https://www.whiteribbonalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/RMC-Guide_FINAL.pdf

World Health Organization. (2015). *The prevention and elimination of disrespect and abuse during facility-based childbirth: WHO statement*. Geneva: WHO. Available at: http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/topics/maternal_perinatal/statement-childbirth/en/

Sources for information on rights during childbirth:

Birth Rights Bar Association: <http://birthrightsbar.org/s/Know-Your-Rights.pdf>

Childbirth Connection: <http://www.nationalpartnership.org/research-library/maternal-health/the-rights-of-childbearing-women.pdf>

Respectful Maternity Care: <https://www.whiteribbonalliance.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/5-Approaches-to-RMC.pdf>

Birth Monopoly: <https://gumroad.com/l/theright> and two Empowered Consumer handouts free with newsletter sign up, <http://birthmonopoly.com/newsletter-signup/>

Sources for information on making complaints:

Citizens for Midwifery: <http://cfmidwifery.org/Resources/item.aspx?ID=1>

Public Citizen: <https://www.citizen.org/our-work/health-and-safety/physician-accountability>

International Cesarean Awareness Network: <http://www.ican-online.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/06/filing-a-hospital-complaint.pdf>

Improving Birth Accountability Toolkit: <https://improvingbirth.org/resources/>

Sources for information on your right to your medical records:

<https://www.hhs.gov/hipaa/for-individuals/medical-records/index.html>

<http://www.healthinfoweb.org/comparative-analysis/individual-access-medical-records-50-state-comparison>

Sources for how to find and afford a lawyer:

Birth Rights Bar Association: <http://birthrightsbar.org/s/handouthowtofindandaffordalawyer-1.docx>

American Bar Association: https://www.americanbar.org/groups/public_education/public-information/how-do-i-find-a-lawyer-.html