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## ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PREVENTION OF OBSTETRIC AGGRESSION <sup>10</sup>

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**Abstract:** The term obstetric aggression was proposed by renowned obstetrician-gynecologist, doctor of medical sciences and corresponding member of the Russian Academy of Sciences Viktor Radzinsky, who views obstetric aggression as iatrogenic, unreasonable actions aimed at supposed benefit but leading only to harm, including complications of pregnancy and childbirth, as well as increased perinatal, infant, maternal morbidity and mortality.

Obstetric violence goes unrecognized and unreported, in part due to a lack of effective reporting procedures. Moreover, like other types of violence, it is an extremely sensitive subject that often evokes disturbing memories for those who have experienced or witnessed it. For this reason, many people are unwilling or unable to talk about their experiences.

To prevent harm to women and newborns resulting from excessive obstetric aggression, in 2018 the World Health Organization (WHO) published new recommendations for non-clinical interventions to reduce unnecessary caesarean sections.

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