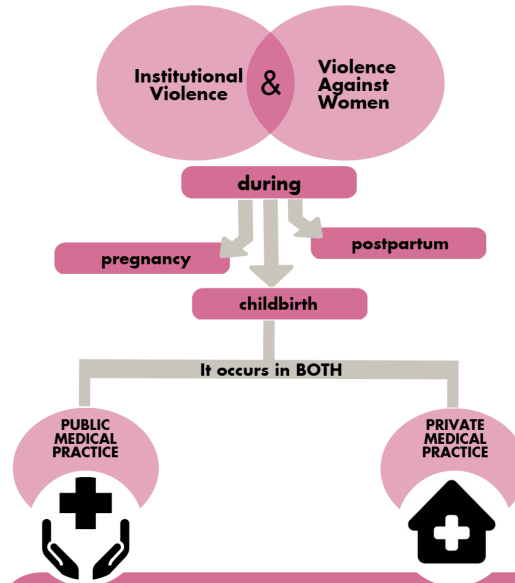




OBSTETRIC VIOLENCE

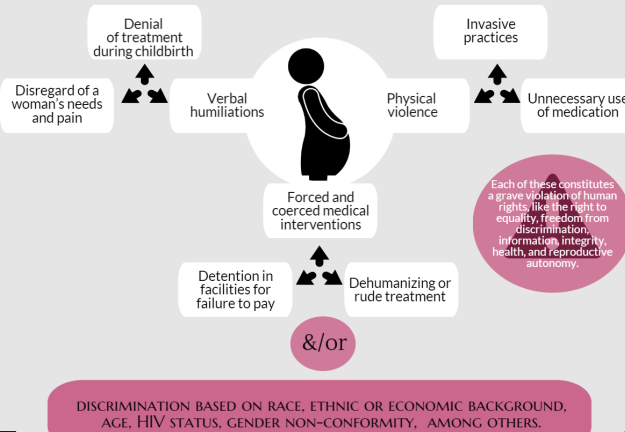
How does Obstetric Violence constitute Institutional Violence?

Obstetric Violence is an intersection between:



FOR TOO MANY WOMEN PREGNANCY IS A PERIOD ASSOCIATED WITH SUFFERING, HUMILIATIONS, ILL-HEALTH AND EVEN DEATH.

Obstetric violence can be manifested through:



Unfortunately, obstetric violence is an often overlooked and normalized type of Violence Against Women

This complicates the design of public policies to prevent and eradicate it.

The extreme consequences of obstetric violence are degrading and inhumane childbirth, health complications, severe psychological distress, trauma, and in some cases death due to neglect.

Obstetric Violence is Institutional Violence
Every woman needs and has the right to access skilled and high quality health care during childbirth. The State is responsible for institutional violence when women are denied access to health care, treated inhumanely, forced or coerced into unnecessary medical procedures or when denied the right to choose them.

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