Impact of Place of Birth on Mistreatment

Global health experts agree that how people are treated during childbirth can affect the health and well-being of mother, child, and family. How does the place of birth - hospital or community - affect rates of mistreatment?

**Place of Birth Impacts Rate of Mistreatment**

- Hospital Setting: 28.1%
- Birth Center in Hospital: 24.0%
- Freestanding Birth Center: 7.0%
- Home: 5.1%

Higher rates of mistreatment in hospital settings than in community birth settings.

**Types of Mistreatment by Place of Birth**

- Ignored by care providers and/or providers refusing to help
  - Hospital Setting: 12.6%
  - Birth Center in Hospital: 10.8%
  - Freestanding Birth Center: 2.3%
  - Home: 2.5%

- Violation of physical privacy
  - Hospital Setting: 10.3%
  - Birth Center in Hospital: 9.0%
  - Freestanding Birth Center: 0.6%
  - Home: 0.8%

- Threatened by care providers, having treatment withheld, and/or forced to accept treatment
  - Hospital Setting: 6.6%
  - Birth Center in Hospital: 4.2%
  - Freestanding Birth Center: 3.2%
  - Home: 1.8%

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