

Another reason the obstetrician has in pushing for interventions is that they are afraid of being sued in courts and having their malpractice insurance rates increase. Seventy percent of obstetricians have been taken to court – obstetricians have the highest amount of lawsuits each year compared with other medical service providers. These doctors routinely use an electronic fetal monitor without any medical justification, but it is obvious that they feel protected by having the machine since it provides a tangible piece of evidence if any thing does go wrong – the strip the machine prints out is used as evidence in court. A cesarean may be performed even when there is no medical reason – some people plan to have their children this way. Many doctors feel safer about birth if they can perform this surgery. The fundamental part of the Hippocratic oath is to primarily do what is in the benefit of the patient not the doctor. But greed and fear make a dangerous mix.