## GENERAL GYNECOLOGY

## Pelvic pain and mode of delivery

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SUMMARY: Among 1115 MOAD members, we assessed three types of pelvic pain: pain related to the menstrual cycle, pain related to sexual intercourse, and "other" pain. We studied whether any of these types of pain were more common after cesarean or vaginal birth. We found no significant differences in any of the three types of pelvic pain 5-10 years after cesarean versus vaginal birth.

However, among women who had at least one vaginal birth, we noticed that women who had a forceps delivery and/or a delivery of a baby that weighed more than 4000 grams (8.8 lbs) were more likely to report pain with sexual intercourse.

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