

Key Events Related to Advancing Respectful Care	Year
Abuse in birth wards gains attention in high-income countries	1950s
Obstetric violence documented in institutions in Brazil	1981
Humanization of childbirth movement begins in Latin America	1990s
Declaration of the Elimination of Violence Against Women	1993
Network for the Humanization of Labor and Birth founded	1993
Seminal research highlighting disrespect and mistreatment in birth facilities published in Peru, South Africa, Brazil, and other countries	1998-2002
First International Conference on the Humanization of Childbirth, held in Brazil	2000
Center for Reproductive Rights publishes Failure to Deliver: Violations of Women's Human Rights in Kenyan Health Facilities	2007
"Obstetric violence" formally defined in legislation in Venezuela	2007
Bowser & Hill publish "Exploring Evidence for Disrespect and Abuse in Facility-based Childbirth: Report of a Landscape Analysis." USAID/TRAction Project	2010
Global Community of Concern (which evolved into the Global RMC Council) is convened by WRA	2011
RMC Charter on the Universal Rights of Childbearing Women released by WRA	2011
TRAction Project supports some of the first implementation research on D&A	2011
WHO statement on the prevention and elimination of D&A during childbirth	2014
Bohren, et al, publication of "Mistreatment of Women during Childbirth in Health Facilities Globally: A Mixed-methods Systematic Review"	2015
WHO Quality of Care Vision for Women and Newborns prominently features experience of care	2015
WHO research portfolio on mistreatment during childbirth (e.g., measures and protocols to evaluate D&A and other tools)	2015
WHO publishes Standards for Improving Quality of Maternal and Newborn Care in Health Facilities	2016
WHO Quality Equity Dignity (QED) MNH Network launched in 9 countries	2017
Addis Declaration to End Preventable Maternal and Child Deaths Mentions RMC	2017
East, Central and Southern Africa Health Community Resolution on the need for Implementation Science Approaches to Advance RMC	2017
WHO recommendation: Intrapartum care for a positive childbirth experience	2018
Lancet Global Health Commission on High Quality Health Systems in the SDG Era	2018