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Award-Winning Film At Your Cervix Exposes Unethical Widespread GYN Care

Screening at [Nevada Women's Film Festival](#)

Brooklyn, NY, June 12, 2023 - The new documentary [At Your Cervix](#), goes inside medical schools and exposes the widespread use of anesthetized patients to teach students pelvic exams without their knowing or consent.

Medical students are commonly taught to perform pelvic exams by “practicing” on anesthetized patients before surgery without their consent. The film follows students as they try to reconcile their personal ethics with the abusive learning methods they encounter in medical school. *At Your Cervix* challenges the existence of this egregious practice by highlighting an ethical and effective way of teaching the pelvic exam that’s been in existence for over 40 years in which the “patient” is the teacher.

[Research published in 2022](#), shows that 84% of medical students were asked to “practice” at least one pelvic exam on patients who were unconscious, usually for surgery, which may or may not relate to gynecological care. It is very difficult for students to say “no” when asked to do something unethical, but today’s medical students are more aware than any previous cohort of the importance of consent.

“There is no reason for anyone to ever do a pelvic exam on a patient under anesthesia unless there is a gynecological emergency. Anyone outside of medicine sees how abusive this practice is,” says A'magine, “But because it started with the dawn of gynecology, and is baked into the way many OBGYNs teach, it is often hard for doctors to see why it is unethical. To them, this is just the way students learn. If the medical community was going to change this themselves, they would have done it by now. They haven’t. So we are creating pressure from the outside to get them to change their approach.”

In an era when reproductive justice, racial justice and consent are talked about more than ever, this film and movement are timely. *At Your Cervix* is appealing to lawmakers who have the

ability to impose consequences on medical personnel who do any intimate exam on an unconscious patient of any gender without consent, and it's working. The filmmakers just co-wrote a bill in CO (HB 1077) which was signed into law in May 2023 - making it the 23rd state to ban this practice. They will not stop until all 50 states legally require all intimate exams to be consensual.

The screening takes place:

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Sat, Jun 24th, 12:45 PM @ [UNLV Department of Film](#) – ROOM 2

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