

## A teacher of the University of Jaén designs a prototype to avoid tearing during labor

LOCATION: Martos (Jaén)

DURATION: 1'37"

**SUMMARY:** The University of Jaén has presented a prototype to reduce or minimize tearing produced during labor. It has been designed by the researcher of the Nursing Department Manuel Linares and developed by the Plastic Technological Centre Andaltec.

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A device to avoid women from suffering tearing in the clitoris area during labor. That's the idea of a teacher of the Nursing Department at the University of Jaén, Juan Manuel Linares, turned into a patent.

**Manuel Linares**  
Teacher at the University  
of Jaén

*"A device that could protect this area in the moment of the expelling, specifically during labor, to avoid lacerations, tearing."*

This type of tearing is produced between the 0,8% and the 1,2% of births produced in a year, which means 5.000 women in . Alicia has more than 20 years of experience assisting births and she assures that although they try to avoid it, these tears are produced.

**Alicia Parra**  
Midwife at the San Felipe  
Health Centre

*"Tears are produced in clitoris and in labia minora. Although our aim is protecting that area, sometimes tearing is produced."*

This disposable piece, designed for one use, would be use when the baby's head starts to show, which is the moment when the area is more distended producing the tear.

**Manuel Linares**  
Teacher at the University  
of Jaén

*"Protecting the most sensitive part of the organism, in this case, of women."*

**Alicia Parra**  
Midwife at the San Felipe  
Health Centre

*"Apart from causing pain, it can even cause sexual dysfunctions, because we are talking about the sexual area of women."*

The prototype has been developed by the Plastic Technological Centre Andaltec, located in Martos, a town of the province of Jaén.

**Daniel Aguilera**  
Andaltec Foundation

*"Making a redefinition of the prototype and the design to make it functional, to adapt it to the function we want it to have."*

Now they have to test the effectiveness of this device in patients through a clinical trial.

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