

## Diagnosing fast and slow: cognitive bias in obstetrics.

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Researchers describe [two types](#) of decision making in medicine - fast (intuitive) and slow (analytical). While both types are subject to bias, this paper describes how cognitive biases in fast thinking, such as anchoring or framing, as well as [racial](#) or moral bias, can result in obstetrical misdiagnosis. Ten steps to [mitigate](#) these cognitive biases are laid out.