

Grace:

Within months of us getting married, I was having like a ridiculous amount of pain. I have pretty severe endometriosis. Endometriosis can significantly impact the ability to conceive. We kind of felt like it wasn't gonna happen for us, and that was a little heartbreaking, and Dr. Banulis never wavered.

My OB/GYN knew that we were gonna have a kid. There was a moment where I was in her office, and I broke down, and was really nervous about the statistics and the data around Black maternal health.

She said, "Grace, we are gonna take great care of you, and we're gonna take great care of your baby." I just knew she was gonna do everything possible. It's more than a job for her, and it's very clear that she really wants people to be well taken care of.

When we started the fertility journey, Dr. Banulis held our hand through everything. I got pregnant at the beginning of 2020. Motherhood, I couldn't have imagined I would love it so much. It's been the best thing that we've ever done.