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Child Abuse

Shaahinfar A, Whitelaw KD, Mansour KM.

Update on abusive head trauma.

Curr Opin Pediatr. 2015 Jun;27(3):308-14. PMID: [25768258](#)

Summary of recent and notable advances in understanding abusive childhood head trauma, including a clinical prediction rule, promising biomarkers, and early identification of subclinical seizures and cervical spine injuries.

Keenan HT, Campbell KA.

Three models of child abuse consultations: A qualitative study of inpatient child abuse consultation notes.

Child Abuse Negl. 2015 May;43:53-60. PMID: [2548431](#)

Analysis of structure and content of child abuse pediatrician consultation notes, which have medical, investigative and legal audiences, all of whom have different information needs.

Bajaj M, Offiah AC.

Imaging in suspected child abuse: necessity or radiation hazard?

Arch Dis Child. 2015 Dec;100(12):1163-8. PMID: [25900840](#)

Discussion of radiation hazard and risks/benefits of suspected child abuse radiology evaluation.

Lindberg DM, Beaty B, Juarez-Colunga E, et. al.

Testing for Abuse in Children With Sentinel Injuries.

Pediatrics. 2015 Nov;136(5):831-8. PMID: [26438705](#)

In a retrospective review of over 30,000 children with putative sentinel injuries, high rates of physical abuse were found for rib fractures, abdominal trauma and intracranial hemorrhage.

Tsokos M.

Diagnostic criteria for cutaneous injuries in child abuse: classification, findings, and interpretation.

Forensic Sci Med Pathol. 2015 Jun;11(2):235-42. PMID: [25772121](#)

Review article with pictures on various types of skin injuries due to child abuse.

Rao V, Canter J.

The Interpretation of Repeat Positive Results for Gonorrhea and Chlamydia in Children.

J Pediatr Adolesc Gynecol. 2015 Aug;28(4):e109-12. PMID: [26119074](#)

When prepubertal children present with repeat sexually transmitted infection, providers need to consider possible treatment failure, new infection from repeated abuse, or a false-positive result.

Garland SM, Subasinghe AK, Jayasinghe YL, et. al.

HPV vaccination for victims of childhood sexual abuse.

Lancet. 2015 Nov 14;386(10007):1919-20. PMID: [26841735](#)

Authors in comment to the Lancet provide rationale for their suggestions that victims of childhood sexual abuse be offered earlier human papillomavirus vaccine and cervical cancer screening.

Kistin CJ, Tompson MC, Cabral HJ, et. al.

Subsequent Maltreatment in Children With Disabilities After an Unsubstantiated Report for Neglect.

JAMA. 2016 Jan 5;315(1):85-7. PMID: [26746463](#)

From a national database, children with disabilities and unsubstantiated referrals for neglect experienced future maltreatment sooner and more often than non-disabled children.

Adult Manifestations of Child Abuse

Coles J, Lee A, Taft A, Mazza D, Loxton D.

Childhood sexual abuse and its association with adult physical and mental health: results from a national cohort of young Australian women.

J Interpers Violence. 2015 Jul;30(11):1929-44. PMID: [25411233](#)

From a large national Australian study, women who experienced childhood sexual abuse (CSA) were significantly more likely to experience pain, have poorer general health or be depressed. Women with both CSA and adult violence had even higher rates for poor physical and mental health.

Baiden P, Fallon B, den Dunnen W, Boateng GO.

The enduring effects of early-childhood adversities and troubled sleep among Canadian adults.

Sleep Med. 2015 Jun;16(6):760-7. PMID: [25953297](#)

From a large national Canadian survey, and after controlling for sociodemographic, socioeconomic, health, and mental health factors, it was observed that for each additional childhood adversity experienced, the odds of having troubled sleep increased by 10%.

Radziej K, Schmid G, Dinkel A, Zwergal A, Lahmann C.

Psychological traumatization and adverse life events in patients with organic and functional vestibular symptoms.

J Psychosom Res. 2015 Aug;79(2):123-9. PMID: [26094009](#)

For over 300 adults with medically or not-medically explained vestibular symptoms (balance and dizziness), prior traumatic experiences with PTSD contributed to increased symptom severity and anxiety regarding symptoms.

Trauelson AM, Bendall S, Jansen JE, et. al.

Childhood adversity specificity and dose-response effect in non-affective first-episode psychosis.

Schizophr Res. 2015 Jun;165(1):52-9. PMID: [25868932](#)

For 101 persons with first-episode psychosis (FEP) and matched controls, childhood and adolescent maltreatment was 4-17 times higher for the FEP group than the control group. The risk of psychosis increased 2.5 times for each additional childhood adversity.

Franzke I, Wabnitz P, Catani C.

Dissociation as a mediator of the relationship between childhood trauma and nonsuicidal self-injury in females: a path analytic approach.

J Trauma Dissociation. 2015;16(3):286-302. PMID: [25761222](#)

For female psychiatric inpatients with a history of childhood abuse and neglect, nonsuicidal self-injury was strongly associated with dissociative (lack of touch with reality) but not depressive or posttraumatic symptoms.

Kelley ML, Brancu M, Robbins AT, D'Lima GM, et. al.

Drug use and childhood-, military- and post-military trauma exposure among women and men veterans.

Drug Alcohol Depend. 2015 Jul 1;152:201-8. PMID: [25957156](#)

For 2304 male and female veterans, drug abuse was associated with a lifetime history of trauma, not just military trauma, and more strongly associated with depression than PTSD.

Lee W, Ti L, Marshall BD, Dong H, Wood E, Kerr T.

Childhood Sexual Abuse and Syringe Sharing Among People Who Inject Drugs.

AIDS Behav. 2015 Aug;19(8):1415-22. PMID: [25428283](#)

Of 1380 Canadian injecting drug users, childhood sexual abuse was an independent risk factor, with almost twice the risk, for the practice of sharing needles. Implications for HIV prevention efforts.

Korhonen MJ, Halonen JI, Brookhart MA, et. al.

Childhood adversity as a predictor of non-adherence to statin therapy in adulthood.

PLoS One. 2015 May 26;10(5):e0127638. PMID: [26011609](#)

From a large Finnish study of employed adults, adherence to statin therapy for men, but not for women, decreased with increasing childhood adversities, particularly severe conflicts in the family and frequent fear of a family member.

Adolescents

Jaisoorya TS, Janardhan Reddy YC, Thennarasu K, et. al.

An epidemiological study of obsessive compulsive disorder in adolescents from India.

Compr Psychiatry. 2015 Aug;61:106-14. PMID: [26038283](#)

In a survey of 7560 Indian students at 73 schools with mean age 15.2 years, 0.8% met criteria for OCD. Those with OCD were significantly more likely to have experienced sexual abuse (24.6% vs. 4.2%). These students were also more likely to report suicidality and poorer academic performance.

Dimmitt Champion J, Roye CF.

Toward an understanding of the context of anal sex behavior in ethnic minority adolescent women.

Issues Ment Health Nurs. 2014 Jul;35(7):509-16. PMID: [24963851](#)

Ethnic minority adolescent women who engaged in anal sex had higher self-reported histories of sexual risk behaviors, substance use, violence, and stressful psychosocial and situational factors.

Domestic Violence – Effects on Children

Kelley ML, Lawrence HR, Milletich RJ, Hollis BF, Henson JM.

Modeling risk for child abuse and harsh parenting in families with depressed and substance-abusing parents.

Child Abuse Negl. 2015 May;43:42-52. PMID: [25724658](#)

Parental depression increased the risk for child maltreatment and for parental over-reactivity during disciplinary episodes.

Domestic Violence – Mental Health

Ferrari G, Agnew-Davies R, Bailey J, et. al.

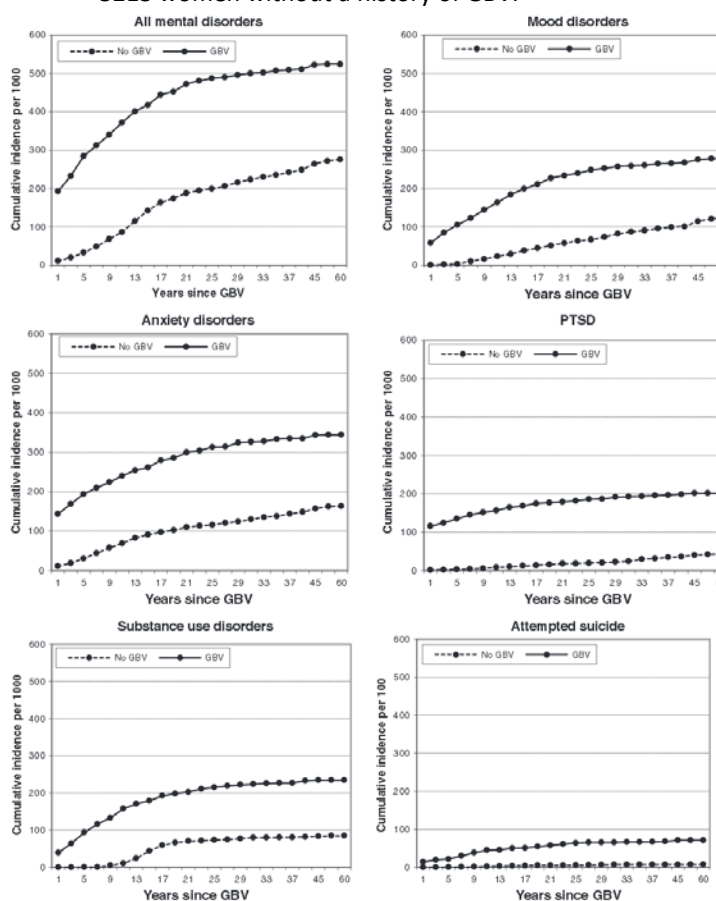
Domestic violence and mental health: a cross-sectional survey of women seeking help from domestic violence support services.

Glob Health Action. 2016 Feb 8;9:29890. PMID: [26860876](#)
260 female British domestic abuse survivors seeking services experienced high levels of depression, anxiety and especially PTSD (75%).

Rees S, Steel Z, Creamer M, et. al.

Onset of common mental disorders and suicidal behavior following women's first exposure to gender based violence: a retrospective, population-based study.

BMC Psychiatry. 2014 Nov 18;14:312. PMID: [25403750](#)
Australian national survey comparing 929 women without a prior history of mental illness and with new exposure to gender-based violence (GBV) to 3213 women without a history of GBV.



Tingl f S, H gberg U, Lundell IW, Svanberg AS.

Exposure to violence among women with unwanted pregnancies and the association with post-traumatic stress disorder, symptoms of anxiety and depression.

Sex Reprod Healthc. 2015 Jun;6(2):50-3. PMID: [25998870](#)

Of 1514 Swedish first trimester pregnant women seeking pregnancy termination, 1 in 3 had experienced lifetime physical violence and 1 in 12 sexual violence. "Among women who had symptoms of PTSD, all had been exposed to sexual and almost all had been exposed to physical violence. Among women who had symptoms of anxiety and depression, almost half had been exposed to either physical or sexual violence."

Domestic Violence – Physical Health

Coyle CT, Shuping MW, Speckhard A, Brightup JE.

The Relationship of Abortion and Violence Against Women: Violence Prevention Strategies and Research Needs.

Issues Law Med. 2015 Autumn;30(2):111-27. PMID: [26710370](#)

Discussion of the role of abortion in acts of violence against women, including sexual assault, coerced abortion, and forced sex-selection.

Bergmann JN, Stockman JK.

How does intimate partner violence affect condom and oral contraceptive Use in the United States?: A systematic review of the literature.

Contraception. 2015 Jun;91(6):438-55. PMID: [25708504](#)

Review of articles relating to IPV and contraception, showing IPV as a significant barrier to women's contraceptive use.

Lukasse M, Laanpere M, Karro H, et. al.

Pregnancy intendedness and the association with physical, sexual and emotional abuse - a European multi-country cross-sectional study.

BMC Pregnancy Childbirth. 2015 May 26;15:120. PMID: [26008119](#)

Of 7102 pregnant women from six European countries, 19.2% reported their current pregnancy to be unintended. Women with a lifetime history of abuse were 1.41 times more likely to have an unintended pregnancy, and 2.03 times more likely to report recent abuse.

National Center for Domestic Violence, Trauma, and Mental Health

Report: The Relationship Between Intimate Partner Violence and Substance Use, 2016

<http://www.nationalcenterdvtraumamh.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/03/IPV-SAB-Final202.29.1620NO20LOGO.pdf>

Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse

McDonald L, Sheppard C, Hitzig SL, et. al.

Resident-to-Resident Abuse: A Scoping Review.

Can J Aging. 2015 Jun;34(2):215-36. PMID: [25752919](#)

From a detailed Canadian analysis, approximately 1/3 of reported elder abuse consists of nursing home resident-to-resident abuse.

Recommendations are made for future research, clinical practice and policy.

Du Mont J, Kosa D, Macdonald S, Elliot S, Yaffe M.

Development of skills-based competencies for forensic nurse examiners providing elder abuse care.

BMJ Open. 2016 Feb 10;6(2):e009690. PMID: [26864579](#)

Consensus-based skills competencies of importance in training forensic nurse examiners to respond to elder abuse.

Sexual Assault

Conroy NE, Krishnakumar A, Leone JM.

Reexamining issues of conceptualization and willing consent: the hidden role of coercion in experiences of sexual acquiescence.

J Interpers Violence. 2015 Jul;30(11):1828-46. PMID: [25246435](#)

“...covert forms of social coercion, including normalized expectations for heterosexual women to participate in sexual activity and maintain relationship satisfaction, ultimately pressure women into participating in unwanted sexual activity. In other words, immediate partner pressure is not necessary for a sexually coercive experience to occur...Women cite various forms of social coercion, such as fulfilling sexual scripts and relationship obligations, as primary reasons for participating in unwanted sexual activity without resisting their partners.”

Elliott Smith RA, Pick LH.

Sexual Assault Experienced by Deaf Female Undergraduates: Prevalence and Characteristics.

Violence Vict. 2015;30(6):948-59. PMID: [26439612](#)

From a survey of deaf female undergraduate students, 69% reported experiencing at least one sexual assault and 56% multiple types of assault. Most were committed by a man known to the survivor, and 67% of perpetrators were deaf also.

Riley ED, Shumway M, Knight KR, et. al.

Risk factors for stimulant use among homeless and unstably housed adult women.

Drug Alcohol Depend. 2015 Aug 1;153:173-9. PMID: [26070454](#)

Of 260 homeless and unstably housed adult women with mean age 47 years, almost half used stimulants (cocaine or methamphetamine); women who reported recent sexual violence were 4.31 times more likely to use stimulants.

Carretta CM, Burgess AW, DeMarco R.

To Tell or Not to Tell.

Violence Against Women. 2015 Sep;21(9):1145-65. PMID: [26134711](#)

From an online survey of sexual assault survivors, almost two thirds of non-disclosing (to anyone) women believed that the abuse was their fault versus 39.1% of women with prior disclosure.

Human Trafficking

Shields RT, Letourneau EJ.

Commercial sexual exploitation of children and the emergence of safe harbor legislation: implications for policy and practice.

Curr Psychiatry Rep. 2015 Mar;17(3):553. PMID: [25652252](#)

Review of federal and state “Safe Harbor” laws, seeking to reclassify youth involved in commercial sexual exploitation as victims rather than offenders. Safe Harbor policies also include diversion, law enforcement training, and increased penalties for adults seeking sexual contact with minors.

Rabbitt A.

The Medical Response to Sex Trafficking of Minors in Wisconsin.

WMJ. 2015 Apr;114(2):52-9. PMID: [26756057](#)

General review article with suggested algorithm. <https://www.wisconsinmedicalsociety.org/WMS/publications/wmj/pdf/114/2/52.pdf>

Cultural Issues

Ho GW, Gross DA.

Differentiating physical discipline from abuse: Q findings from Chinese American mothers and pediatric nurses.

Child Abuse Negl. 2015 May;43:83-94. PMID: [25841885](#)

“The perception and use of physical discipline (PD) is culture-based, and the differentiation between PD and abuse is subjective and complex.” This article explores how Chinese-American mothers and pediatric nurses differentiate physical discipline from abuse with regard to specific behavior, intention, delivery, outcome and pattern of use.

Reinert KG, Campbell JC, Bandeen-Roche K, Sharps P, Lee J.
Gender and Race Variations in the Intersection of Religious Involvement, Early Trauma, and Adult Health.

J Nurs Scholarsh. 2015 Jul;47(4):318-27. PMID: [26077834](#)

From surveys of 10,283 Seventh-day Adventist adults in North America, a variety of associations were reported regarding the impact of a history of childhood abuse on mental and physical health and differences relating to gender, race, and religious involvement.

Perpetrators

Levenson JS, Willis GM, Prescott DS.

Adverse childhood experiences in the lives of female sex offenders.

Sex Abuse. 2015 Jun;27(3):258-83. PMID: [25210107](#)

Half of 47 female sex offenders had been sexually abused as a child. 41% endorsed four or more adverse childhood experiences (compared to 15% of the general female population).

Williams KS, Bierie DM.

An incident-based comparison of female and male sexual offenders.

Sex Abuse. 2015 Jun;27(3):235-57. PMID: [25079779](#)

Compared to male sex offenders, female sex offenders were more likely to co-offend with an accomplice (30% vs. 2%) and to same-sex offend (almost 50% vs. 10%).

Klein CA.

Digital and divergent: sexual behaviors on the Internet.

J Am Acad Psychiatry Law. 2014;42(4):495-503. PMID: [25492077](#)

Analysis of the manufacture, dissemination and online viewing of atypical sexual material including rape, sadomasochism, zoophilia and necrophilia.

Police and Court Systems

National Center for Domestic Violence, Trauma and Mental Health

Trauma-Informed Legal Advocacy Resources

http://www.nationalcenterdvtraumamh.org/trainin_gta/trauma-informed-legal-advocacy-tila-project/

O'Neal EN, Tellis K, Spohn C.

Prosecuting Intimate Partner Sexual Assault: Legal and Extra-Legal Factors That Influence Charging Decisions.

Violence Against Women. 2015 Oct;21(10):1237-58. PMID: [26134710](#)

“Findings suggest that prosecutors consider both legal and extralegal factors when making charging decisions and that various cultural, legal, and rape myths surrounding intimate partner sexual assault influence these decisions.”

Lynch KR, Logan TK.

Police Officers' Attitudes and Challenges With Charging Stalking.

Violence Vict. 2015;30(6):1037-48. PMID: [26440289](#)

In this study, police officers who had never charged stalking, compared to those who had, viewed stalking as less dangerous, did not believe that officers filed reports when called for stalking, and perceived more barriers to charging.

Providers

National Center for domestic Violence, Trauma and Mental Health

Promising Practices and Model Programs: Trauma-Informed Approaches to Working with Survivors of Domestic and Sexual Violence and Other Trauma, 2015

http://www.nationalcenterdvtraumamh.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/01/NCDVTMH_PromisingPracticesReport_2015.pdf

Lim BH, Valdez CE, Lilly MM.

Making Meaning Out of Interpersonal Victimization: The Narratives of IPV Survivors.

Violence Against Women. 2015 Sep;21(9):1065-86. PMID: [26091685](#)

Interviews with community domestic abuse survivors revealed how they “made meaning” of what had happened to them, including feelings such as self-blaming (the most widely cited), justification for the abuser, normalizing violence, minimization, opportunity for growth and even failure to make sense.

Matlow RB, DePrince AP.

The Impact of Appraisals and Context on Readiness to Leave a Relationship Following Intimate Partner Abuse.

Violence Against Women. 2015 Sep;21(9):1043-64. PMID: [26077326](#)

An ethnically diverse group of 177 women experiencing IPV were surveyed and one year later reported on their readiness to leave the relationship. Readiness to leave was positively predicted by fear, negatively predicted by shame, and significantly associated with additional factors such as dependence on the perpetrator and stalking behaviors.

Haselschwerdt ML, Mitchell ET, Raffaelli M, Hardesty JL. Divorcing Mothers' Use of Protective Strategies: Differences Over Time and by Violence Experience.

Psychol Violence. 2016 Jan 1;6(1):182-192. PMID: [26858851](#)

Mean # of private and public protecting strategies used by divorcing women during last year of marriage, at separation, and three months later.

CCV = coercive controlling violence

SCV = situational couple violence

No IPV = no violence

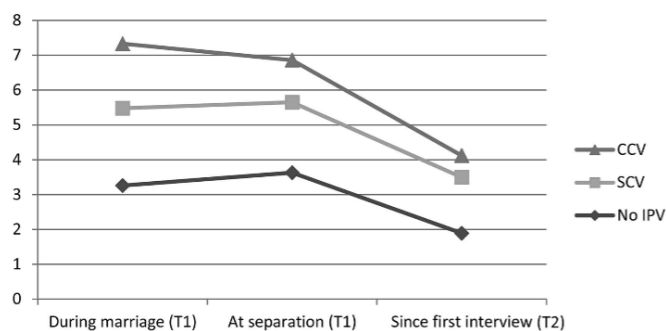


Figure 1. Mean number of private protective strategies by time and IPV group.

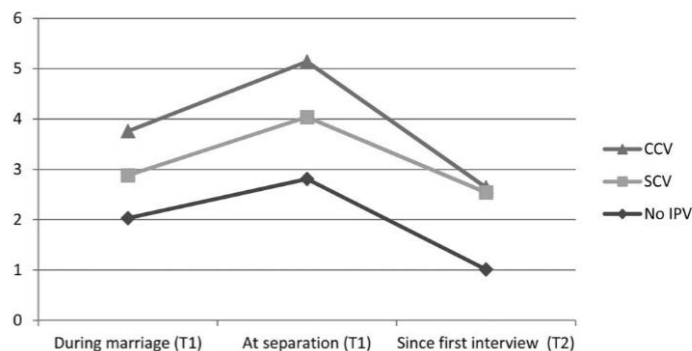


Figure 2. Mean number of public protective strategies by time and IPV group.

Moylan CA, Lindhorst T.

"Catching flies with honey": the management of conflict in Sexual Assault Response Teams.

J Interpers Violence. 2015 Jul;30(11):1945-64. PMID: [25246436](#)

Description of types of strategies to manage conflict in SART teams (nurse, advocate and law enforcement), including preventative, problem solving, forcing, unobtrusive and resigned. Advocates "were almost exclusively responsible for unobtrusive and resignation strategies."

Hill J, Filer W.

Safety and Ethical Considerations in Discharging Patients to Suboptimal Living Situations.

AMA J Ethics. 2015 Jun 1;17(6):506-10. PMID: [26075976](#)

Case report with analysis for hospital teams on issues regarding discharge of a disabled person into a possible abusive home situation.

Ali P, McGarry J, Dhingra K.

Identifying signs of intimate partner violence.

Emerg Nurse. 2016 Feb;23(9):25-9. PMID: [26853673](#)

General review article for nurses, with UK referral information.

Parker C.

An innovative nursing approach to caring for an obstetric patient with rape trauma syndrome.

J Obstet Gynecol Neonatal Nurs. 2015 May-Jun;44(3):397-404. PMID: [25870039](#)

Article provides information on rape trauma syndrome in the obstetric setting with an explanation of signs and symptoms, how to avoid retraumatization, and the illustration through case report of utilization of online information to help provide respectful care.

Tiyyagura G, Gawel M, Koziel JR, Asnes A, Bechtel K.

Barriers and Facilitators to Detecting Child Abuse and Neglect in General Emergency Departments.

Ann Emerg Med. 2015 Nov;66(5):447-54. PMID: [2623140](#)

From interviews with 29 ED medical providers, "Barriers to recognizing child abuse and neglect included providers' desire to believe the caregiver, failure to recognize that a child's presentation could be due to child abuse and neglect, challenges innate to working in an ED such as lack of ongoing contact with a family and provider biases. Barriers to reporting child abuse and neglect included factors associated with the reporting process, lack of follow-up of reported cases, and negative consequences of reporting such as testifying in court."

Hunter J.

An Intervention to Improve the Comfort And Satisfaction of Nurses in the Telephone Triage of Child Maltreatment Calls.

Pediatr Nurs. 2015 Nov-Dec;41(6):296-300. PMID: [26837100](#)

After a survey showing lack of knowledge and adequate referral resources regarding child abuse perceived by nursing staff who answered Pediatric triage phone calls, a successful intervention was introduced that included staff education, county resources, and a standardized script for guiding maltreatment calls.

Heisler S, Schiff GD.

An Intergenerational Conversation about Frustrations, Lessons, and Hope in Physician Activism.

AMA J Ethics. 2015 May 1;17(5):465-8. PMID: [25986092](#)

Helping committed activists and trainees take the long view while taking care of themselves.

Prevention

Center for Disease Control (CDC)

Preventing Multiple Forms of Violence: A Strategic Vision for Connecting the Dots, 2016

<http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/overview/strategicvision.html>

Report describes the Division of Violence Prevention's "5-year vision and areas of strategic focus to help us understand, respond to, and ultimately prevent violence across the lifespan".

Shoultz J, Magnussen L, Kreidman N, et. al.

Engaging Native Hawaiians and Pilipinos in creating supportive and safe violence-free communities for women through a piloted "talkstory" intervention: Implications for program development.

Eval Program Plann. 2015 Aug;51:78-84. PMID: [25541293](#)

In Hawaii, 70% of women murdered as a result of IPV are Pilipino or native Hawaiian. This paper presents a community IPV intervention "talkstory". Results from pilot studies led to modifications of data collection and the intervention itself based on insights into how these communities view IPV.

Prosman GJ, Lo Fo Wong SH, van der Wouden JC, et. al.

Effectiveness of home visiting in reducing partner violence for families experiencing abuse: a systematic review.

Fam Pract. 2015 Jun;32(3):247-56. PMID: [2594793](#)

Review of home visiting interventions for abuse, which showed efficacy for up to 3 years of follow-up.

Researchers

Priebe K, Kleindienst N, Zimmer J, et. al.

Frequency of intrusions and flashbacks in patients with posttraumatic stress disorder related to childhood sexual abuse: an electronic diary study.

Psychol Assess. 2013 Dec;25(4):1370-6. PMID: [23876157](#)

28 German female patients with a history of childhood sexual abuse and PTSD, who recorded intrusions and flashbacks for a week via an electronic diary, reported 74.5 intrusions and 24.4 flashbacks. This was about 50% more than in a retrospective assessment.

Other of Interest

van der Kolk B.

Commentary: The devastating effects of ignoring child maltreatment in psychiatry - a commentary on Teicher and Samson 2016.

J Child Psychol Psychiatry. 2016 Mar;57(3):267-70. PMID: [26889892](#)

"Research of people with histories of caregiver abuse and neglect consistently demonstrates problems with concentration, anger, panic, depression, food intake, drugs, and sleep, as well as decreased heart rate variability, higher levels of stress hormones, and reduced or impaired immune response. Their relationship between documented brain changes and psychopathology is complex. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that child maltreatment may be the most costly public health issue in the United States. Eradicating child abuse in America would reduce the overall rate of depression by more than half, alcoholism by two-thirds, and suicide, serious drug abuse, and domestic violence by three quarters. It would also have a significantly positive effect on workplace performance, and vastly decrease the need for incarceration."

"Despite the numerous studies over the past 30 years that have clarified the devastating effects of child maltreatment on mental and physical health, the role of trauma within the caregiving system remains unrecognized both in our diagnostic systems and in our dominant treatment paradigms."

Satyanarayana VA, Chandra PS, Vaddiparti K.
Mental health consequences of violence against women and girls.

Curr Opin Psychiatry. 2015 Sep;28(5):350-6. PMID: [26181668](#)
Review of acute and chronic mental health impact of a variety of types of violence against women and girls, and emerging areas needing more research.

Scimeca G, Bruno A, Pandolfo G, et. al.
Extrasensory Perception Experiences and Childhood Trauma: A Rorschach Investigation.

J Nerv Ment Dis. 2015 Nov;203(11):856-63. PMID: [26488918](#)
Compared to a control group, 31 Italian individuals who reported recurrent ESP experiences (telepathy = knowing about the mental activity of another person, clairvoyance = knowing about distant events, and precognition = knowing about future events) were significantly more likely to have experienced childhood emotional abuse or neglect, physical neglect or sexual abuse.

Banwari G.
Cinema may help break the silence around child sexual abuse in India.

Asian J Psychiatr. 2015 Apr;14:71-2. PMID: [25697947](#)
In a letter to the editor, an Indian psychiatrist notes the very high rates of childhood sexual abuse in India as well as the strong taboos against speaking about it. The Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, creating a legal mechanism to handle this issue, was only passed in 2012 and has not been seriously implemented. The author notes the important impact of cinema in India, cites a scant handful of movies which have dealt with this issue, and calls for more such movies to bring out open discussion.

Collin-Vézina D, De La Sablonnière-Griffin M, et. al.
A preliminary mapping of individual, relational, and social factors that impede disclosure of childhood sexual abuse.
Child Abuse Negl. 2015 May;43:123-34. PMID: [25846196](#)

