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## Child Abuse

Vrolijk-Bosschaart TF, Brilleslijper-Kater SN, et. al.

### **Physical symptoms in very young children assessed for sexual abuse.**

Eur J Pediatr. 2017 Oct;176(10):1365-1374. PMID: [28844100](#)

In retrospectively analyzing 54 confirmed cases of childhood sexual abuse in Dutch children 0-6 years (median age 3.2), 50% reported physical complaints, of which gastrointestinal and anogenital were the most common. None showed specific genital signs at physical examination. "Most prominent finding during physical examination was a deviant behavioral response (anxiety, withdrawal, too outgoing) in 15 children (28%), especially in children who experienced anal/vaginal penetration."

McDonald C, Martinez K.

### **Victims' Retrospective Explanations of Sibling Sexual Violence.**

J Child Sex Abus. 2017 Oct;26(7):874-888. PMID: [28767001](#)

Survivors of childhood sibling sexual abuse, perhaps the most common form of sexual violence within the family, "believed that their abusers had learned to be abusive due to their own victimization or exposure to pornography, were abusive to establish dominance over them, or had some undisclosed mental illness.

Rees P, Al-Hussaini A, Maguire S.

### **Child abuse and fabricated or induced illness in the ENT setting: a systematic review.**

Clin Otolaryngol. 2017 Aug;42(4):783-804. PMID: [27148702](#)

In a research review, the most common ear/nose/throat childhood abuse injury was perforation of the pharynx (back of the throat), predominantly affecting newborns and infants. 52% of children with this injury had additional co-existing injuries. The majority of ear injuries were to the external ear, and the majority of induced illness cases presented with recurrent, unexplained ear discharge or lesions that failed to heal despite appropriate therapy.

Fernández-López C, Morales-Angulo C.

### **Otorhinolaryngology manifestations secondary to oral sex.**

Acta Otorrinolaringol Esp. 2017 May - Jun;68(3):169-180.

PMID: [27793330](#)

Review article on findings of oral sex in children and adults includes infectious (human papillomavirus, syphilis, gonorrhea, herpes, and chlamydia), secondary to trauma, or tumoral (the incidence of human papillomavirus-induced mouth/throat cancer has dramatically increased in recent years).

Warner C, Maguire S, Trefan L, et. al.

### **A study of radiological features of healing in long bone fractures among infants less than a year.**

Skeletal Radiol. 2017 Mar;46(3):333-341. PMID: [28070625](#)

This organized review with concordance of 3 radiologists shows the sequence of events and a timetable of features seen in healing of long bone fractures in infants aged less than 1 year, to aid in the clinical assessment of fracture age.

Grogan-Kaylor A, Ma J, Graham-Bermann SA.

### **The case against physical punishment.**

Curr Opin Psychol. 2018 Feb;19:22-27. PMID: [29279217](#)

Authors discuss the long term effects and undesirable outcomes of physical punishment as a form of discipline, the moderating effects of family or cultural context, whether physical punishment can be considered part of a continuum of family violence, and recommendations for positive parenting policies and practices.

Keenan HT, Campbell KA, Page K, et. al.

### **Perceived social risk in medical decision-making for physical child abuse: a mixed-methods study.**

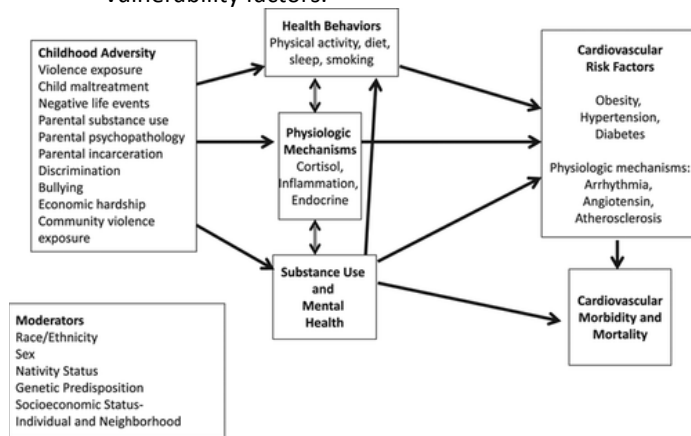
BMC Pediatr. 2017 Dec 22;17(1):214. PMID: [29273019](#)

32 child abuse pediatricians analyzed web-based cases. Perception of social risk was highest in the poorest non-minority families and minority families. Diagnostic certainty for abuse increased as social risk perception increased; however diagnostic decisions changed in 40% of web cases when social risk indicators were reversed.

# Adult Manifestations of Child Abuse

Suglia SF, Koenen KC, Boynton-Jarrett R, et. al.  
**Childhood and Adolescent Adversity and Cardiometabolic Outcomes: A Scientific Statement from the American Heart Association.**

Circulation. 2018 Jan 30;137(5):e15-e28. PMID: [29254928](#)  
 “Substantial evidence documents an association between childhood adversity and cardiometabolic outcomes across the life course” including obesity, hypertension, type 2 diabetes mellitus, and cardiovascular disease. Article advocates for future studies that focus on mechanisms, resiliency, and vulnerability factors.



Afifi TO, Ford D, Gershoff ET, et. al.  
**Spanking and adult mental health impairment: The case for the designation of spanking as an adverse childhood experience.**

Child Abuse Negl. 2017 Sep;71:24-31. PMID: [28126359](#)  
 From a Southern California Kaiser study of 7465 adults, adding an 11<sup>th</sup> ACE – spanking during childhood – to the standard 10 ACE questions raised the rate of people endorsing 1 or more ACEs to 80%. Increasing ACE scores were associated with increasing risk of moderate to heavy drinking, drug use, depressed affect, and suicide attempts in adulthood. Spanking was independently associated with increased risk of all of these conditions. “Spanking should also be considered an ACE and addressed in efforts to prevent violence.”

Herrero J, Vivas P, Torres A, Rodríguez FJ.  
**When Violence Can Appear With Different Male Partners: Identification of Resilient and Non-resilient Women in the European Union.**

Front Psychol. 2018 Jun 1;9:877. PMID: [29910760](#)  
 In a study of 2376 European Union heterosexual women, “The strongest predictor of IPV

victimization by multiple partners found in our study was the level of child abuse suffered.”

Westermair AL, Stoll AM, Greggensen W, et. al.  
**All Unhappy Childhoods Are Unhappy in Their Own Way- Differential Impact of Dimensions of Adverse Childhood Experiences on Adult Mental Health and Health Behavior.**  
 Front Psychiatry. 2018 May 23;9:198. PMID: [29875707](#)

From a survey of 396 German psychiatric inpatients, authors suggest a dimensional approach to ACEs, which combines the effects of individual ACEs plus cumulative effects of total ACEs. The study found that household dysfunction dimensions were associated with poor health behaviors and poorer socio-economic achievement in adulthood, possibly mediated by dysfunctional coping strategies; emotional and physical maltreatment with anxiety and depressive disorders, perhaps mediated by poor emotion regulation; and sexual abuse with hunger/satiation and pain intensity, possibly mediated by dysregulation of bodily sensations.

Shanmugan S, Loughhead J, Cao W, et. al.  
**Impact of Tryptophan Depletion on Executive System Function during Menopause is Moderated by Childhood Adversity.**

Neuropsychopharmacology. 2017 Nov;42(12):2398-2406. PMID: [28322235](#)

“Many healthy women with no history of cognitive dysfunction experience subjective executive difficulties during menopause.” Authors believe that early life adversity impairing serotonin function (a brain neurochemical) might play a role in this phenomenon. They were able to show that in 33 healthy menopausal women, brain scans showed a correlation between tryptophan depletion (a marker of the serotonin system) and high ACE scores. This correlation was removed with the addition of oral estrogen. “Together, these results suggest that early life adversity may have a lasting impact on serotonergic circuits underlying executive function that are unmasked by loss of estradiol during menopause.”

Cleare S, Wetherall K, Clark A, et. al.  
**Adverse Childhood Experiences and Hospital-Treated Self-Harm.**  
 Int J Environ Res Public Health. 2018 Jun 11;15(6). pii: E1235. PMID: [29891825](#)

Using data from two hospitals in Glasgow, comparing patients admitted with first time or with repeat self-harm, and after controlling for psychosocial variables, those with an ACE score of 4 or more were 2.4 times more likely to be in the repeat group.

Seng JS, Li Y, Yang JJ, et. al.

**Gestational and Postnatal Cortisol Profiles of Women With Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and the Dissociative Subtype.**

J Obstet Gynecol Neonatal Nurs. 2018 Jan;47(1):12-22. PMID: [29175262](#)

395 mid-west women expecting their first infants were divided into 4 groups – non-exposed control, trauma-exposed control, PTSD, and PTSD with dissociation (PSTD-D losing touch with reality, associated with child maltreatment) and gave salivary cortisol (stress hormone) samples in early pregnancy. Compared to non-exposed controls, women with PTSD-D had cortisol levels 8 times greater in the afternoon and 10 times greater at bedtime. Authors suggest that these very high levels of cortisol may contribute to intergenerational patterns of adverse health outcomes.

Sareen J, Afifi TO, Taillieu T, et. al.

**Deployment-Related Traumatic Events and Suicidal Behaviours in a Nationally Representative Sample of Canadian Armed Forces Personnel.**

Can J Psychiatry. 2017 Nov;62(11):795-804. PMID: [28490190](#)

From a Canadian Forces Mental Health Survey looking at a variety of deployment-related traumatic events (including witnessing human atrocities, knowing someone who was injured or killed, feeling responsible for the death of Canadian or ally personnel) and past-year suicidal ideation, these events had minimal impact in the face of the overwhelming influence of child abuse on suicidality.

## Adolescents

Clark AB.

**Juvenile Solitary Confinement as a Form of Child Abuse.**

J Am Acad Psychiatry Law. 2017 Sep;45(3):350-357. PMID: [28939734](#)

“Placing incarcerated juveniles into solitary confinement continues to occur in certain states of the United States, despite the accumulating evidence that it may cause substantial psychological damage to the teenagers who must endure it. The practice has been widely condemned by professional and human rights organizations...clinicians working in these facilities face difficult ethical questions, and may feel they are both legally mandated and ethically bound to file a report of suspected child abuse.”

Clayton HB, Lowry R, Basile KC, Demissie Z, Bohm MK.  
**Physical and Sexual Dating Violence and Nonmedical Use of Prescription Drugs.**

Pediatrics. 2017 Dec;140(6). pii: e20172289. PMID: [29158227](#)

From a national survey of students grades 9-12, nonmedical use of prescription drugs was significantly associated with dating violence victimization for both males and females.

## Domestic Violence – Effects on Children

Laelago T, Belachew T, Tamrat M.

**Effect of intimate partner violence on birth outcomes.**

Afr Health Sci. 2017 Sep;17(3):681-689. PMID: [29085395](#)

Of 183 recently delivered Ethiopian women, 23% experienced IPV during pregnancy. IPV during pregnancy was associated with a 14.3 times increased odds of a low birth weight newborn.

Fernández-González L, Calvete E, Orue I, Mauri A.

**Victims of Domestic Violence in Shelters: Impacts on Women and Children.**

Span J Psychol. 2018 Jun 1;21:E18. PMID: [29852888](#)

Of 834 Spanish women in an emergency shelter and 84 in a medium stay shelter, 80% of the women had mental health problems. 80-90% of children had witnessed the abuse suffered by their mother, and more than half had been direct victims of some type of abuse.

Neamah HH, Sudfeld C, McCoy DC, et. al.

**Intimate Partner Violence, Depression, and Child Growth and Development.**

Pediatrics. 2018 Jul;142(1). pii: e20173457. PMID: [29891566](#)

In this study of 1031 Tanzanian children aged 18-36 months and their mothers, subclinical maternal depression was associated with a significant decrease in child motor skills as well as receptive and expressive language development. In addition, lifetime maternal exposure to both physical and sexual violence was significantly associated with stunted child growth.

## Domestic Violence – Physical Health

Flores-Torres MH, Lynch R, Lopez-Ridaura R, et. al.  
**Exposure to Violence and Carotid Artery Intima-Media Thickness in Mexican Women.**

J Am Heart Assoc. 2017 Aug 17;6(8). pii: e006249. PMID: [28862944](#)

From a study of 634 healthy female Mexican teachers, lifetime exposure to physical or sexual violence was strongly associated with subclinical cardiovascular disease, as measured by thickening of the carotid artery.

Campbell JC, Anderson JC, McFadgion A, et. al.  
**The Effects of Intimate Partner Violence and Probable Traumatic Brain Injury on Central Nervous System Symptoms.**

J Womens Health (Larchmt). 2018 Jun;27(6):761-767. PMID: [29083256](#)

Of 901 women of African descent in Baltimore and Haiti seen in primary care, family planning and prenatal clinics, and after adjusting for depression and PTSD, women with a history of IPV and probable traumatic brain injury (TBI) were more likely to report central nervous system (CNS) symptoms such as difficulty with memory, concentration, or hearing. There was no difference with age, education, income or employment. Clinicians addressing these CNS-type symptoms need to be aware that they may have a TBI etiology.

## Domestic Violence – Mental Health

Snyder BL.  
**Women With Dissociative Identity Disorder Who Experience Intimate Partner Violence.**

J Psychosoc Nurs Ment Health Serv. 2018 May 1;56(5):26-32. PMID: [29447414](#)

Interviews with 5 women with dissociative identity disorder and IPV reported coping with IPV with the same self-preserving strategies they experienced during childhood maltreatment – periods of amnesia, a sense of being detached from their body or their surroundings, or switching to an alternative identity.

## Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse

Bobitt J, Kuhne J, Carter J, Whittier Eliason S, Twomey M.  
**Building the adult protective services system of tomorrow: The role of the APS national voluntary consensus guidelines.**

J Elder Abuse Negl. 2018 Jan-Feb;30(1):93-101. PMID: [28949812](#)

Description of the process of creating adult protective services guidelines, examining comments, concerns, opinions, and areas for future research. Final Voluntary Consensus Guidelines for Adult Protective Services Systems 2017 USDHHS <https://www.acl.gov/sites/default/files/programs/2017-03/APS-Guidelines-Document-2017.pdf>

Pickering CEZ, Nurenberg K, Schiamberg L.  
**Recognizing and Responding to the "Toxic" Work Environment: Worker Safety, Patient Safety, and Abuse/Neglect in Nursing Homes.**

Qual Health Res. 2017 Oct;27(12):1870-1881. PMID: [28805151](#)

22 certified nursing assistants (CNAs) who worked in a nursing home described bullying behaviors in the workplace, and how they responded to the “toxic” work environment which affected their providing of care, which led to several resident and worker safety outcomes. “The data suggest that the etiology of abuse and neglect in nursing homes may be better explained by institutional cultures rather than individual traits of CNAs.”

Cooper C, Marston L, Barber J, et. al.  
**Do care homes deliver person-centred care? A cross-sectional survey of staff-reported abusive and positive behaviours towards residents from the MARQUE (Managing Agitation and Raising Quality of Life) English national care home survey.**

PLoS One. 2018 Mar 21;13(3):e0193399. PMID: [29561867](#)

In a report based on anonymous surveys of workers at 92 UK elderly care homes, 51% reported carrying out or observing potentially abusive or neglectful behaviors at least sometime in the preceding 3 months. This included 26% making a resident wait for care, 25% avoiding a resident with challenging behavior, 19% giving residents insufficient time for food, 11% taking insufficient care when moving a resident, 5% verbal abuse, and 1.1% physical abuse. More abusive/neglectful behavior was reported in homes with higher staff burnout scores.

Wood S, Lichtenberg PA.

**Financial Capacity and Financial Exploitation of Older Adults: Research Findings, Policy Recommendations and Clinical Implications.**

Clin Gerontol. 2017 Jan-Feb;40(1):3-13. PMID: [28452630](#)

The illegal use of an elder's funds, property, or assets is estimated to be 3.5%-20% of adults over age 65, higher for minorities, and estimated at \$2.9 billion dollars for 2011. After a financial loss, elders may be subject to increased mental and physical health symptoms. In one review, 51% of fraud was perpetrated by strangers; 34% by family, friends, and neighbors; 12 % within the business sector; and 4% Medicare and Medicaid Fraud. This article discusses the topic; the challenges involved in recognition, prosecution and prevention; and makes recommendations for future new conceptual and measurement approaches that can be used by professionals in multiple settings.

## LGBTQ Concerns

Becerra-Culqui TA, Liu Y, Nash R, et. al.

**Mental Health of Transgender and Gender Nonconforming Youth Compared With Their Peers.**

Pediatrics. 2018 May;141(5). pii: e20173845. PMID: [29661941](#)

In an electronic medical chart review of 588 transfeminine and 745 transmasculine children and adolescents, compared to matched controls, trans individuals were significantly more likely to have mental health disorders including ADHD, anxiety, depression, self-inflicted injury, and suicidal ideation.

## Cultural Concerns

Januwalla A, Pulver A, Wanigaratne S, et. al.

**Interventions to reduce adverse health outcomes resulting from manifestations of gender bias amongst immigrant populations: a scoping review.**

BMC Womens Health. 2018 Jun19;18(1):104. PMID: [29921247](#)

"Immigrants to Western countries increasingly originate from countries with pervasive gender inequalities." In this review, besides a few interventions focusing on domestic violence amongst the Latino population, there is very little guidance on programs addressing gender inequities of diverse ethnic groups, and tailored to local community needs.

Klingspohn DM.

**The Importance of Culture in Addressing Domestic Violence for First Nation's Women.**

Front Psychol. 2018 Jun 4;9:872. PMID: [29922198](#)

Cultural safety, a concept that emerged in the 1980's in New Zealand, is viewed as "an environment that is spiritually, socially, emotionally and physically safe for people; and where cultural identity is recognized and valued through shared respect, meaning, knowledge and the experience of learning together."

## Sexual Assault

Sadler AG, Booth BM, Torner JC, Mengeling MA.

**Sexual assault in the US military: A comparison of risk in deployed and non-deployed locations among Operation Enduring Freedom/Operation Iraqi Freedom active component and Reserve/National Guard servicewomen.**

Am J Ind Med. 2017 Nov;60(11):947-955. PMID: [28857214](#)

From a telephone survey of Reserve/National Guard servicewomen, overall 16% had experienced sexual assault in the military – 14% while not deployed and 4% while deployed. However, adjusting for time in each location, servicewomen were at greater risk during deployment.

Ten Bensel T, Sample LL.

**Collective Sexual Violence in Bosnia and Sierra Leone.**

Int J Offender Ther Comp Criminol. 2017 Aug;61(10):1075-1098. PMID: [26449774](#)

Sexually violent assaults committed during armed conflicts, which often exhibit group-level sexual offending, have been documented consistently throughout history. "The purpose of this study was to improve our understanding of sexual violence during war by comparing and contrasting pre-conflict characteristics, conflict framing, and justifications for sexual violence."

## Human Trafficking

Scannell M, MacDonald AE, Berger A, Boyer N.

**Human Trafficking: How Nurses Can Make a Difference.**

J Forensic Nurs. 2018 Apr/Jun;14(2):117-121. PMID: [29781972](#)

Case report of a patient experiencing HT which was missed in the emergency department and in encounters with multiple different healthcare professionals. Signs and symptoms of human trafficking are reviewed.

Egyud A, Stephens K, Swanson-Bierman B, et. al.  
**Implementation of Human Trafficking Education and Treatment Algorithm in the Emergency Department.**

J Emerg Nurs. 2017 Nov;43(6):526-531. PMID: [28427727](#)

Description of the development of an education, screening, and rescue process for emergency department personnel to utilize with possible victims of human trafficking. This included new procedures such as providing a “silent” signal option for patients, to place a colored dot on their urine specimen cup.

Armstrong S.

**Instruments to Identify Commercially Sexually Exploited Children: Feasibility of Use in an Emergency Department Setting.**

Pediatr Emerg Care. 2017 Dec;33(12):794-799. PMID: [28072670](#)

In a research review, 6 screening instruments were found to identify commercially sexually exploited children, two of which were felt to be highly feasible for use in the emergency department setting. Author recommends that additional screening instruments be created for preadolescent children, to include the positive features of succinctness, a simple format, easy administration, training materials, sample questions, multiple information sources, designation of questions requiring mandatory reporting, a straightforward scoring system, and an algorithm format.

## Perpetrators

O'Neil A, Scovelle AJ.

**Intimate Partner Violence perpetration and cardiovascular risk: A systematic review.**

Prev Med Rep. 2018 Jan 31;10:15-19. PMID: [29868353](#)

From a research review, IPV perpetrators experienced short term markers of cardiovascular reactivity such as higher heart rate, and longer term risk factors and outcomes including hypertension, elevated 30 year cardiac risk score, and self-reported cardiac disease.

Garbarino J.

**ACEs in the Criminal Justice System.**

Acad Pediatr. 2017 Sep - Oct;17(7S):S32-S33. PMID: [28865658](#)

Commentary from a psychological expert witness in murder cases - “I have come away from these experiences with the conviction that the best starting hypothesis in dealing with most killers is that they are untreated traumatized children

inhabiting and controlling the dangerous adolescents and adults that stand accused of murder. Approximately only 0.01% of Americans (1 in 1000) report an ACEs score of 8, 9, or 10. The scores reported by the last 10 killers I interviewed had an average score of 8.”

## Police and Court Systems

Zeoli AM, McCourt A, Buggs S, et. al.

**Analysis of the Strength of Legal Firearms Restrictions for Perpetrators of Domestic Violence and Their Associations With Intimate Partner Homicide.**

Am J Epidemiol. 2018 Jul 1;187(7):1449-1455. PMID: [29194475](#)

This review of 35 years of data from 45 states concluded that domestic violence restraining order firearm-prohibition laws are associated with 10% reductions in intimate partner homicide.

## Providers

Vickers MC, Wells N.

**"Nothing About Us Without Us".**

Acad Pediatr. 2017 Sep - Oct;17(7S):S20-S21. PMID: [28865652](#)

“Families need to be included—indeed sought after—for input in the design phase of discussions that lead to problem-solving approaches or policies. Approaches developed in the absence of direct family input risk being ineffective and not grounded in real-world experience...For approaches to be viable, they must be relevant to a given family, they must be perceived as doable, and the family must have the resources to put the recommendations into practice.”

Delgadillo DC.

**When There is No Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner: Emergency Nursing Care for Female Adult Sexual Assault Patients.**

J Emerg Nurs. 2017 Jul;43(4):308-315. PMID: [28366240](#)

Guidance for emergency department personnel in the care and management of a sexual assault patient when there is no forensic nurse available, including emotional support, physical examination, prophylaxis, documentation, and evidence collection under law enforcement direction.

Riney LC, Frey TM, Fain ET, et. al.

### **Standardizing the Evaluation of Nonaccidental Trauma in a Large Pediatric Emergency Department.**

Pediatrics. 2018 Jan;141(1). pii: e20171994. PMID: [29212880](#)

Key drivers of a process to standardize screening for non-accidental trauma in a pediatric emergency department included construction of a best practice guideline, provider education, integration of the guideline into workflow, and order set construction to support guideline recommendations.

## Standardized Physical Abuse Guideline

<6 Months of Age	6–12 Months of Age	>12–36 Months of Age
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social work consult</li><li>• Skeletal survey</li><li>• Head CT</li><li>• AST, ALT, lipase</li><li>• Abdominal CT if AST or ALT <math>\geq</math>80</li><li>• Troponin I for infants <math>\geq</math>3 months of age if AST or ALT <math>\geq</math>80, signs of chest trauma, or ill appearance</li><li>• CBC, PT test, and PTT test if bruising or ICH present</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social work consult</li><li>• Skeletal survey</li><li>• AST, ALT, lipase</li><li>• Abdominal CT if AST or ALT <math>\geq</math>80</li><li>• Troponin I if AST or ALT <math>\geq</math>80, signs of chest trauma, or ill appearance</li><li>• Head CT for facial bruising, abnormal neurological examination, or other clinical concern</li><li>• CBC, PT test, and PTT test if bruising or ICH present</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Social work consult</li><li>• Skeletal survey for &lt;24 months</li><li>• Strongly consider skeletal survey for 24–36 months if severely injured</li><li>• Strongly consider ALT, AST, lipase</li><li>• Abdominal CT if AST or ALT <math>\geq</math>80</li><li>• Troponin I if AST or ALT <math>\geq</math>80, signs of chest trauma, or ill appearance</li><li>• Head CT for abnormal neurological examination or other clinical concern</li><li>• CBC, PT test, and PTT test if bruising or ICH present</li></ul>

Granqvist P, Sroufe LA, Dozier M, et. al.

### **Disorganized attachment in infancy: a review of the phenomenon and its implications for clinicians and policy-makers.**

Attach Hum Dev. 2017 Dec;19(6):534-558. PMID: [28745146](#)

“The paper reviews what is known about disorganized infant attachment and clarifies the implications of the classification for clinical and welfare practice with children.” It also examines the following 4 false/misleading assumptions: that attachment measures can be used as definitive assessments in child protection settings, that disorganized attachment reliably indicates child maltreatment, that it is a strong predictor of pathology, and that it represents a fixed “trait” of the child, impervious to development or help.

Burke Harris N, Silvério Marques S, Oh D, et. al.

### **Prevent, Screen, Heal: Collective Action to Fight the Toxic Effects of Early Life Adversity.**

Acad Pediatr. 2017 Sep - Oct;17(7S):S14-S15. PMID: [28865647](#)

Description of the role pediatricians can play in the ACE movement, exemplified by the Center for Youth Wellness in San Francisco.

Stevens J.

### **How Social Journalism Accelerates the ACEs Movement.**

Acad Pediatr. 2017 Sep - Oct;17(7S):S26-S27. PMID: [28865655](#)

Description of the rise of the ACEs movement, the contribution of the ACEsTooHigh.com news site for

the general public, as well as ACEsConnection.com, a social journalism network for the development and sharing of trauma-informed and resilience-building best practices.

Masilo GM, Davhana-Maselesele M.

### **Guidelines for support to mothers of sexually abused children in North-West province.**

Curatationis. 2017 Jul 25;40(1):e1-e9. PMID: [28828867](#)

Surveys and focus groups of 197 South African mothers of children who had been sexually abused showed that 47.8% of the mothers had PTSD, 38.8% felt little support, 76.1% were not coping well, and 36.1% were depressed.

Lind MJ, Brown RC, Sheerin CM, et. al.

### **Does Parenting Influence the Enduring Impact of Severe Childhood Sexual Abuse on Psychiatric Resilience in Adulthood?**

Child Psychiatry Hum Dev. 2018 Feb;49(1):33-41. PMID: [28488144](#)

In this female twin study, adults who had experienced childhood sexual abuse were more psychologically resilient to stressors as adults if the parenting they experienced after the abuse had been warm, but less resilient if the parenting was authoritarian or overprotective. Supporting/educating the parents of children with sexual abuse is important for recovery.

McLindon E, Humphreys C, Hegarty K.

### **"It happens to clinicians too": an Australian prevalence study of intimate partner and family violence against health professionals.**

BMC Womens Health. 2018 Jun 26;18(1):113. PMID: [29940948](#)

Of 471 surveyed female Australian midwives, nurses, physicians, and allied health professionals, with a 45% response rate, 11.5% reported IPV in the last 12 months, and 29.7% had experienced IPV since the age of sixteen. Overall, 45.2% reported violence by a partner and/or family member during their lifetime.

## Prevention

Bellis MA, Hughes K, Ford K, et. al.

### **Adverse childhood experiences and sources of childhood resilience: a retrospective study of their combined relationships with child health and educational attendance.**

BMC Public Health. 2018 Jun 26;18(1):792. PMID: [29940920](#)

In this national Welsh adult survey, a history of ACEs was associated with school absenteeism and poorer

childhood health, including asthma, allergies, headaches, and digestive disorders. Resilience factors (being treated fairly, supportive childhood friends, being given opportunities to use abilities, access to a trusted adult, and having someone to look up to) were independently linked to better outcomes, reducing poor childhood health in those with 4 or more ACEs from 59.8% to 21.3%.

Jaffee SR, Takizawa R, Arseneault L.

**Buffering effects of safe, supportive, and nurturing relationships among women with childhood histories of maltreatment.**

Psychol Med. 2017 Nov;47(15):2628-2639. PMID: [28803556](#)

In this study, "Compared with women who did not experience abuse in childhood, women with histories of maltreatment were at elevated risk for mental, physical, and health-risk behaviours, including major depressive disorder, sleep, and substance use problems. Cumulatively, safe, supportive, and nurturing relationships...buffered women with a history of maltreatment from poor health outcomes."

Lefever JEB, Bigelow KM, Carta JJ, et. al.

**Long-Term Impact of a Cell Phone-Enhanced Parenting Intervention.**

Child Maltreat. 2017 Nov;22(4):305-314. PMID: [28845676](#)

In order to remedy poor retention and engagement of low-income mothers of preschool-aged children in a parent-child intervention to address parenting practices, maternal depression, and children's aggression, a cell phone-supported version of the intervention was introduced. Both the intervention and the cellphone version improved parenting skills compared to a wait list control (WLC), and the children in the cellphone group were rated to be more cooperative and less aggressive than children on the WLC.

## Researchers

Schnur JB, Chaplin WF, Khurshid K, et. al.

**Development of the Healthcare Triggering Questionnaire in adult sexual abuse survivors.**

Psychol Trauma. 2017 Nov;9(6):714-722. PMID: [28447815](#)

Description of the development of a healthcare triggering questionnaire, to identify trauma survivors who are more likely to experience triggering in healthcare settings, and which may be of value to study healthcare triggering, healthcare retraumatization, and healthcare adherence.

Jones DJ.

**Technology 2.0: A Commentary on Progress, Challenges, and Next Steps.**

Child Maltreat. 2017 Nov;22(4):281-285. PMID: [29113551](#)

Review of a special issue devoted to the use of technology in maltreatment services, including challenges present, gaps in knowledge/theory/methodology, and a call for appropriate research.

## Other of Interest

Diamond-Smith N, Rudolph K.

**The association between uneven sex ratios and violence: Evidence from 6 Asian countries.**

PLoS One. 2018 Jun 1;13(6):e0197516. PMID: [29856763](#)

Using data from 6 different Asian countries, "men from region-age brackets with higher ratios of men to women are significantly more likely to report ever having raped a woman, having perpetrated intimate partner violence, or having used a weapon."

Xu T, Magnusson Hanson LL, Lange T, et. al.

**Workplace bullying and violence as risk factors for type 2 diabetes: a multicohort study and meta-analysis.**

Diabetologia. 2018 Jan;61(1):75-83. PMID: [29130114](#)

Of 45,905 men and women aged 40-65 years and free of diabetes at baseline from Sweden, Denmark and Finland, 9% reported bullying and 12% violence or threats of violence in the workplace. Bullied workers were 1.46 times and those exposed to violence in the workplace were 1.26 times at higher risk of developing diabetes.

Ray DC, Lilly JP, Gallina N, Maclan P, Wilson B.

**Evaluation of Bikers Against Child Abuse (BACA) program: A community intervention for child abuse victims.**

Eval Program Plann. 2017 Dec;65:124-130. PMID: [28810212](#)

Bikers Against Child Abuse is a 20 year-old volunteer organization that meets the need of abused children living in fear by providing a presence where and when needed 24/7, so that abused children can feel safe in their environment. They meet the child by their home or a place chosen by the parents, and groups of bikers can escort the child to and from school or to and from court until the crisis is over. Pre and post testing of 154 children who participated in this program "demonstrated substantial improvements in their overall levels of emotional distress, conduct concerns, hyperactivity, and behavioral and emotional functioning."