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Child Abuse

Goyal MK, Mollen CJ, Hayes KL, et. al.

Enhancing the emergency department approach to pediatric sexual assault care: implementation of a pediatric sexual assault response team program.

Pediatr Emerg Care. 2013 Sep;29(9):969-73. PMID: [23974714](#)

From a program to provide mobile pediatric forensic sexual assault exams in a pediatric ED, 184 patients were evaluated. 87.5% were female with mean age 10.1 years, and 20.6% showed evidence of acute anogenital injury.

Pears KC, Kim HK, Fisher PA, Yoerger K.

Early school engagement and late elementary outcomes for maltreated children in foster care.

Dev Psychol. 2013 Dec;49(12):2201-11. PMID: [23477532](#)

Comparing 93 children in foster care to 54 low-socioeconomic status, nonmaltreated children, foster care children had lower emotional and cognitive school engagement. This in turn by late elementary school was associated with lower group status and academic competence, and higher engagement in risk behaviors. Early school engagement may predict later outcomes, suggesting potential points of intervention.

Swoboda SL, Feldman KW.

Skeletal trauma in child abuse.

Pediatr Ann. 2013 Nov;42(11):236-43. PMID: [24168118](#)

Review of skeletal trauma in children, and when to be concerned about possible abuse.

Grasso DJ, Saunders BE, Williams LM, et. al.

Patterns of multiple victimization among maltreated children in Navy families.

J Trauma Stress. 2013 Oct;26(5):597-604. PMID: [24114860](#)

Of 195 children from Navy families referred for allegations of sexual abuse, physical abuse, or parental IPV, those who experienced all three classes of abuse were at highest risk for alcohol and substance use, delinquent behavior, and PTSD and/or depression 1 year later.

Murphy RA, Sink HE, Ake GS 3rd, et. al.

Predictors of treatment completion in a sample of youth who have experienced physical or sexual trauma.

J Interpers Violence. 2014 Jan;29(1):3-19. PMID: [24084895](#)

From a large database of US community treatment centers specializing in childhood trauma, children and youth who had experienced sexual trauma and reported higher levels of PTSD avoidance symptoms were significantly less likely to complete mental health treatment.

Olson K, Jacobson KK.

The importance of assessing for abuse and neglect in children with chronic health conditions referred for neuropsychological evaluation.

Appl Neuropsychol Child. 2014;3(1):66-72. PMID: [24236944](#)

Authors note that children with chronic health care needs are at increased risk for neglect and abuse, which should be assessed when the child is referred for neuropsychological evaluation.

Ferrara P, Vena F, Caporale O, et. al.

Children left unattended in parked vehicles: a focus on recent Italian cases and a review of literature.

Ital J Pediatr. 2013 Nov 6;39:71. PMID: [24195780](#)

Review of research regarding children left unattended in parked vehicles. "Two factors make children more prone to hyperthermia than adults: children have a greater surface area body mass ratio than adults and their thermoregulation is less efficient than adults."

Adult Manifestations of Child Abuse

Tyrka AR, Burgers DE, Philip NS, Price LH, Carpenter LL.

The neurobiological correlates of childhood adversity and implications for treatment.

Acta Psychiatr Scand. 2013 Dec;128(6):434-47. PMID: [23662634](#)

"Topics reviewed include neuroendocrine, neurotrophic, neuroimaging, and cognitive effects of adversity, as well as genetic and epigenetic influences...Early adversity is associated with abnormalities of several neurobiological systems that are implicated in the development of

psychopathology and other medical conditions. Early-life stress negatively impacts treatment outcome, and individuals may require treatments that are specific to this condition.”

Pereda N, Gallardo-Pujol D.

One hit makes the difference: the role of polyvictimization in childhood in lifetime revictimization on a southern European sample.

Violence Vict. 2014;29(2):217-31. PMID: [24834744](#)

For 975 European undergraduates, child polyvictimization significantly predicted adult revictimization. [Graph shows ratings of episodes of interpersonal violence – vertical in adulthood, horizontal in childhood.]

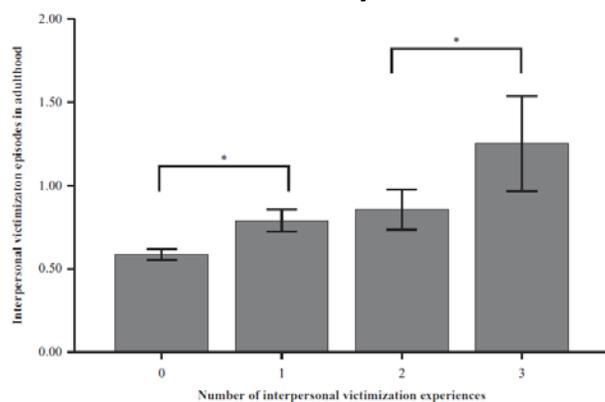


Figure 1. Number of interpersonal victimization episodes in adulthood as a function of the number of victimization experiences in childhood.
*Denotes significant differences.

Barnhofer T, Brennan K, Crane C, Duggan D, Williams JM.

A comparison of vulnerability factors in patients with persistent and remitting lifetime symptom course of depression.

J Affect Disord. 2014 Jan;152-154:155-61. PMID: [24183488](#)

Of 127 German adults with a history of at least 3 episodes of depression, those with a persistent course vs. those with more stable, lasting remissions were significantly more likely to have experienced childhood emotional abuse.

Tunnard C, Rane LJ, Wooderson SC, et. al.

The impact of childhood adversity on suicidality and clinical course in treatment-resistant depression.

J Affect Disord. 2014 Jan;152-154:122-30. PMID: [23880448](#)

For 137 adults with treatment-resistant depression, “Childhood adversity was common amongst these patients and was associated with poor clinical course, psychosis and suicide attempts.”

Phillips G 2nd, Magnus M, Kuo I, et. al.

Childhood sexual abuse and HIV-related risks among men who have sex with men in Washington, DC.

Arch Sex Behav. 2014 May;43(4):771-8. PMID: [24573398](#)

Of 451 men having sex with men (MSM), 17.5% reported childhood sexual abuse at median age of 8.3 years. HIV-positive MSM were more than four times more likely to report CSA, compared to non-HIV-positive MSM.

Sansone RA, Kelley AR, Forbis JS.

Abuse in childhood and religious/spiritual status in adulthood among internal medicine outpatients.

J Relig Health. 2013 Dec;52(4):1085-92. PMID: [22395752](#)

For 317 internal medicine outpatients, those who had experienced childhood physical or sexual abuse, compared to those who had not, had lower scores overall and for several components of religiosity/spirituality.

Adolescents

Everett BG, Schnarrs PW, Rosario M, et. al.

Sexual orientation disparities in sexually transmitted infection risk behaviors and risk determinants among sexually active adolescent males: results from a school-based sample.

Am J Public Health. 2014 Jun;104(6):1107-12. PMID: [24825214](#)

Bisexual adolescent males, compared with all other sexually oriented groups, exhibited uniquely increased risk profiles for sexually transmitted infections, including number of sex partners, concurrent sex partners, and age of sexual debut.

Domestic Violence – Effects on Children

Stöckl H, Gardner F.

Women’s perceptions of how pregnancy influences the context of intimate partner violence in Germany.

Cult Health Sex. 2013;15(10):1206-20. PMID: [23905872](#)

“Women clearly perceived pregnancy as a turning point, because it created new expectations and a feeling of being overwhelmed. This led to violence by reducing women’s acceptance of their partner’s [behaviors], or by increasing women’s vulnerability because they felt too young to raise a child alone. Pregnancy also led to violence by bringing back childhood memories or by taking attention away from their partners. Understanding how pregnancy influences the context in which intimate partner violence occurs is important to provide abused, pregnant women with the services they need.”

Narayan AJ, Englund MM, Egeland B.

Developmental timing and continuity of exposure to interparental violence and externalizing behavior as prospective predictors of dating violence.

Dev Psychopathol. 2013 Nov;25(4 Pt 1):973-90. PMID: [24229543](#)

From a longitudinal study of 168 children through age 26, there was a highly significant correlation between exposure to IPV before age 5 (but not during grades 1-3) and young adult dating violence perpetration and victimization. Early exposure to IPV or maltreatment was associated with externalizing behaviors in grades 1-3, which was in turn also associated with young adult dating violence.

Holmes MR.

Aggressive behavior of children exposed to intimate partner violence: an examination of maternal mental health, maternal warmth and child maltreatment.

Child Abuse Negl. 2013 Aug;37(8):520-30. PMID: [23332295](#)

As part of a national survey of 1161 children ages 3-8, frequency of IPV during the past year was significantly associated with poor maternal mental health, which was itself associated with lower maternal warmth and increased child psychological abuse, all of which were associated with aggressive child behavior – not IPV in and of itself.

Domestic Violence – Physical Health

Williams CM, Clear ER, Coker AL.

Sexual coercion and sexual violence at first intercourse associated with sexually transmitted infections.

Sex Transm Dis. 2013 Oct;40(10):771-5. PMID: [24275726](#)

For 9466 adult women as part of a national survey, 18% of first intercourse was described as sexually coercive, and 8.4% as sexually violent. Women with these experiences were significantly more likely to have contracted a sexually transmitted infection at first intercourse.

Domestic Violence – Mental Health

Sonego M, Gandarillas A, Zorrilla B, et. al.

Unperceived intimate partner violence and women's health.

Gac Sanit. 2013 Sep-Oct;27(5):440-6. PMID: [23337515](#)

From phone interviews with 2835 Spanish women, unperceived IPV was 2.6 times more frequent than perceived IPV. Health outcomes, especially depression, did not significantly differ between perceived and unperceived IPV groups, and was 3.4 – 4.1 times more common in these 2 groups than in women without IPV.

Echeburúa E, González-Ortega I, de Corral P, Polo-López R.
Pathological gamblers and a non-psychiatric control group taking gender differences into account.

Span J Psychol. 2013 Jan;16:E2. PMID: [23866213](#)

In a Spanish study of male and female pathological gamblers, 68.6% of female gamblers vs. 9.8% of a female control group reported being victims of IPV.

Elder/Dependent Adult Abuse

Cook JM, Pilver C, Dinnen S, Schnurr PP, Hoff R.

Prevalence of physical and sexual assault and mental health disorders in older women: findings from a nationally representative sample.

Am J Geriatr Psychiatry. 2013 Sep;21(9):877-86. PMID: [23567392](#)

As part of a national survey of 3354 community-residing women age 65 or older, 14% reported a history of physical or sexual assault or both during their lifetimes. Those who experienced IPV were more likely to meet criteria for past-year and lifetime PTSD, depression and anxiety. "...trauma should no longer remain a 'hidden variable' in the lives of older women."

Sexual Assault

Richards TN, Branch KA, Hayes RM.

An exploratory examination of student to professor disclosures of crime victimization.

Violence Against Women. 2013 Nov;19(11):1408-22. PMID: [24334860](#)

Of 261 teaching faculty from two universities, 42% had received disclosure from a student re: being a victim of a crime (including 42% sexual assault, 6% IPV, 3% stalking, 3% sexual harassment). Students were most likely to disclose to younger faculty (equally male or female) in their offices (73%), vs. 7% email, 7% assignment, 6% in class. Only 36% of faculty felt that university resources were adequate to help these students.

Murphy SB, Edwards KM, Bennett S, Bibeau SJ, Sichelstiel J.
Police reporting practices for sexual assault cases in which "the victim does not wish to pursue charges".

J Interpers Violence. 2014 Jan;29(1):144-56. PMID: [24097904](#)

For 125 New Hampshire cases of sexual assault reported to the police, 32.8% of initial police reports stated that the victim decided to no longer pursue charges. However only 30.2% of police reports provided a clear rationale for why the victim made this decision. "Results of this study call for more standardized police reporting practices and point to the need for future research into the initial stage of law enforcement involvement in adult sexual assault cases."

Lounsbury JA, Nambiar SM, Karlsson A, et. al.

Enhanced recovery of spermatozoa and comprehensive lysis of epithelial cells from sexual assault samples having a low cell counts or aged up to one year.

Forensic Sci Int Genet. 2014 Jan;8(1):84-9. PMID: [24315594](#)

Description of an alternative chemical technique 300% more effective in recovering sperm, especially with older or minimal samples.

Cultural Issues

Mahapatro M, Gupta RN, Gupta VK.

Control and support models of help-seeking behavior in women experiencing domestic violence in India.

Violence Vict. 2014;29(3):464-75. PMID: [25069150](#)

"In India, there is limited prioritization of domestic violence, which is seen as a private and family matter, and handled as a social responsibility rather than a complaint or crime...Most women surveyed preferred the social-support model and opined that if they face domestic violence, they would seek help from their parents as the first option."

Perpetrators

Stroebe SS, Kuo SY, O'Keefe SL, et. al.

Risk factors for father-daughter incest: data from an anonymous computerized survey.

Sex Abuse. 2013 Dec;25(6):583-605. PMID: [23363491](#)

From an anonymous survey of 2034 women, 51 reported having experienced father-daughter incest (FDI). Factors increasing the risk of FDI were: parental IPV (5 times more likely), families accepting father-daughter nudity (at least 2 times more likely), lack of maternal physical affection (2 times more likely), and a male living in the home instead of the biological father (3.2 times more likely).

Holt K, Massey C.

Sexual preference or opportunity: an examination of situational factors by gender of victims of clergy abuse.

Sex Abuse. 2013 Dec;25(6):606-21. PMID: [23264544](#)

After examining 9,540 records of alleged cleric sexual abuse in the US 1950 – 1999, authors conclude "no evidence was found to suggest that male victims were purposefully targeted more than female victims; rather, the abuse appeared to be more a function of opportunity."

Kolla NJ, Gregory S, Attard S, Blackwood N, Hodgins S.

Disentangling possible effects of childhood physical abuse on gray matter changes in violent offenders with psychopathy.

Psychiatry Res. 2014 Feb 28;221(2):123-6. PMID: [24361393](#)

"Violent offenders with psychopathy present a lifelong pattern of callousness and aggression and fail to benefit from rehabilitation programs. This study presents the first, albeit preliminary, evidence suggesting that some of the structural brain anomalies distinguishing violent offenders with psychopathy may result from physical abuse in childhood."

Police and Court Systems

Beck CJ, Anderson ER, O'Hara KL, Benjamin GA.

Patterns of intimate partner violence in a large, epidemiological sample of divorcing couples.

J Fam Psychol. 2013 Oct;27(5):743-53. PMID: [24098962](#)

In a survey of 845 Arizona couples required by court to have divorce remediation, controlling behaviors, psychological abuse, physical abuse, escalating physical violence, and sexual intimidation/assault were assessed for 5 discovered categories of couples - mutually low coercive control and violence (CCV), mild CCV male perpetrator, mild CCV female perpetrator, severe CCV male perpetrator, and mutually high CCV. Implications are discussed for court personnel and professionals involved in family law re: custody, etc.

Winokur M, Holtan A, Batchelder KE.

Kinship care for the safety, permanency, and well-being of children removed from the home for maltreatment.

Cochrane Database Syst Rev. 2014 Jan 31;1:CD006546.

PMID: [24488572](#)

From a review of research articles which included 666,615 children, children placed in kinship care vs. non-kinship foster care experienced fewer behavioral problems, fewer mental health disorders, better well-being and less placement disruption.

Providers

Cruz M, Cruz PB, Weirich C, McGorty R, McColgan MD.

Referral patterns and service utilization in a pediatric hospital-wide intimate partner violence program.

Child Abuse Negl. 2013 Aug;37(8):511-9. PMID: [23623444](#)

Establishing an IPV counselor at a pediatric hospital led to 453 unique referrals – 36% from primary care, 26% inpatient, 13% subspecialty clinics, 12.5% emergency department, 5% CPS, and 4% employee self-referrals. 81% were identified by universal screening and 19% by risk-based screening. Initial intervention required 42 minutes.

Morris P.

Helping people who have been subjected to abuse.

Emerg Nurse. 2014 Jul 2;22(4):16-22. PMID: [24984739](#)

Description of the work of Independent Domestic Violence Advisers (IDVAs) in the emergency department of an inner city British hospital, with benefits for clients and hospital staff.

Wong J, Mellor D.

Intimate partner violence and women's health and wellbeing: impacts, risk factors and responses.

Contemp Nurse. 2014 Feb;46(2):170-9. PMID: [24787250](#)

Review article for nurses on the subject of IPV.

Zaher E, Keogh K, Ratnapalan S.

Effect of domestic violence training: Systematic review of randomized controlled trials.

Can Fam Physician. 2014 Jul;60(7):618-624. PMID: [25022633](#)

Review of research on healthcare provider DV education using various approaches. While authors could not determine the most effective educational strategy, system support was definitely needed to improve referrals rather than simply increase knowledge.

Meston CM, Lorenz TA, Stephenson KR.

Effects of expressive writing on sexual dysfunction, depression, and PTSD in women with a history of childhood sexual abuse: results from a randomized clinical trial.

J Sex Med. 2013 Sep;10(9):2177-89. PMID: [23875721](#)

For 70 women with a history of childhood sexual abuse, an expressive writing program improved symptoms of depression, PTSD and sexual dysfunction.

Bayley MT, Tate R, Douglas JM, et.al.

INCOG guidelines for cognitive rehabilitation following traumatic brain injury: methods and overview.

J Head Trauma Rehabil. 2014 Jul-Aug;29(4):290-306. PMID: [24984093](#)

A panel of international experts developed algorithms to guide best practices for management and treatment of each of the domains of impairment following traumatic brain injury: posttraumatic amnesia, attention, memory, executive function, and cognitive communication.

White A.

Responding to prenatal disclosure of past sexual abuse.

Obstet Gynecol. 2014 Jun;123(6):1344-7. PMID: [24807334](#)

Description of a practical strategy during prenatal care for responding to disclosure of a history of sexual trauma, and for developing a tailored obstetric care plan to avoid retraumatization in labor.

Prevention

Sege R, Linkenbach J.

Essentials for childhood: promoting healthy outcomes from positive experiences.

Pediatrics. 2014 Jun;133(6):e1489-91. PMID: [24799538](#)

“In Jan 2014 the CDC kicked off state-level implementation of “Essentials for Childhood: Steps to Creating Safe, Stable, Nurturing Relationships” (SSNRs). By focusing on the key role of SSNRs, Essentials highlights the health effects of positive experiences in childhood. This emphasis reflects the evolution in the field from prevention of maltreatment to promotion of family health. “

Schaeffer CM, Swenson CC, Tuerk EH, Henggeler SW.

Comprehensive treatment for co-occurring child maltreatment and parental substance abuse

Child Abuse Negl. 2013 Aug;37(8):596-607. PMID: [23768938](#)

An integrated treatment program for co-occurring parental substance abuse and child maltreatment led to significant reductions in parental substance use and depressive symptoms, three times less likelihood of another substantiated instance of child maltreatment, and fewer anxiety symptoms in children.

Sommarin C, Kilbane T, Mercy JA, et. al

Preventing sexual violence and HIV in children.

J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr. 2014 Jul 1;66 Suppl 2:S217-23.

PMID: [24918598](#)

Noting that childhood sexual and physical abuse are linked to negative health outcomes, increased sexual risk taking, and adolescent IPV, authors at the UN and CDC analyze child abuse preventive programs – geared for Africa but principles are applicable.

Hardee K, Gay J, Croce-Galis M, Afari-Dwamena NA.

What HIV programs work for adolescent girls?

J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr. 2014 Jul 1;66 Suppl 2:S176-85.

PMID: [24918593](#)

Authors discuss HIV preventive interventions geared for US female adolescents, reviewing the vulnerabilities of girls, the challenges of programming, and the evidence for successful programming.

Researchers

Alhabib S, Feder G, Horwood J.

English to Arabic translation of the Composite Abuse Scale (CAS): a multi-method approach.

PLoS One. 2013 Sep 25;8(9):e75244. PMID: [24086478](#)

An Arabic version of the composite abuse scale was created via translation, discussion with bilingual experts, and focus groups, to produce an instrument accurate and culturally appropriate.

Other of Interest

Ending sexual violence in conflict and beyond.

Lancet. 2014 Jun 14;383(9934):2019. PMID: [24936623](#)

This edition of The Lancet focuses on sexual violence in conflict areas to coincide with the first INTER REF Global Summit to End Sexual Violence in Conflict, held in London June 10-14, 2014. Multiple articles address different aspects of this issue.

Falb KL, McCormick MC, Hemenway D, et. al.

Suicide ideation and victimization among refugee women along the Thai-Burma border.

J Trauma Stress. 2013 Oct;26(5):631-5. PMID: [24038637](#)

Of 848 refugee women at the Thai-Burma border with mean age of 32 years, 50% of those who had experienced both conflict and IPV victimization reported suicidal ideation in the past month.

Infante C, Silván R, Caballero M, Campero L.

[Central American migrants' sexual experiences and rights in their transit to the USA].

Salud Publica Mex. 2013 Jul;55 Suppl 1:S58-64. Spanish.

PMID: [23918058](#)

From interviews with 22 migrants transiting through Mexico to the US, "Migrants know and identify the risks they may encounter in their transit but have scarce access to services to effectively exercise their sexual and reproductive rights. Their vulnerability makes them internalize and accept the violence enacted on them as part of their destiny and as what they must suffer in order to reach the USA."

Epidemiology

Rennison CM, DeKeseredy WS, Dragiewicz M.

Intimate relationship status variations in violence against women: urban, suburban, and rural differences.

Violence Against Women. 2013 Nov;19(11):1312-30. PMID:

[24309237](#)

Table 1. Percentages of Nonfatal Violence Against Women by Victim–Offender Relationship and Geographic Area.

Victim–offender relationship	Urban	Suburban	Rural
Intimate partners	19.2% (n = 1,237)	21.0% (n = 1,711)	25.2% (n = 600)
Family member	6.6% (n = 427)	7.5% (n = 595)	8.6% (n = 210)
Friend/acquaintance	36.1% (n = 2,310)	39.1% (n = 3,099)	44.1% (n = 1,062)
Stranger	38.2% (n = 2,515)	32.3% (n = 2,624)	22.1% (n = 530)
Total	100.0% (n = 6,489)	100.0% (n = 8,029)	100.0% (n = 2,402)

Stemple L, Meyer IH.

The sexual victimization of men in America: new data challenge old assumptions.

Am J Public Health. 2014 Jun;104(6):e19-26. PMID: [24825225](#)

Using multiple national databases, "We concluded that federal surveys detect a high prevalence of sexual victimization among men - in many circumstances similar to the prevalence found among women. We identified factors that perpetuate misperceptions about men's sexual victimization."

Rabenhorst MM, McCarthy RJ, Thomsen CJ, et. al.

Spouse abuse among United States Air Force personnel who deployed in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom.

J Fam Psychol. 2013 Oct;27(5):754-61. PMID: [24015706](#)

Of 156,296 Air Force personnel with a combat-related deployment, 2% reported at least one substantiated incident of spouse abuse. Overall rates were similar pre- and post-deployment, however post-deployment rates of mild abuse were significantly lower, whereas rates of moderate/severe abuse and abuse involving alcohol were higher.

Putnam-Hornstein E, Cederbaum JA, King B, et. al.

A population-based examination of maltreatment history among adolescent mothers in California.

J Adolesc Health. 2013 Dec;53(6):794-7. PMID: [24054914](#)

Linking California birth and CPS records, of 35,098 adolescents who gave birth in California in 2009, 44.9% had been reported as being maltreated, 20.8% had been substantiated as victims, and 9.7% had spent time in foster care.

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report. 2014 Sep 5;63(8).
**Prevalence and Characteristics of Sexual Violence, Stalking,
 and Intimate Partner Violence – National Intimate Partner
 and Sexual Violence Survey, United States, 2011**

Report -

<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/ss/ss6308.pdf>

Infographic -

<http://www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention/pdf/nisvs-infographic.pdf>

FIGURE 3. Age at the time of first victimization among female victims, by type of victimization — National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey, United States, 2011

