

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: HEALTH-CARE WORKER INTERVENION

Violence against women is a global public health problem of epidemic proportion, requiring urgent action. Health-care providers are in a unique position to address the health and psychosocial needs of women who have experienced violence, provided certain minimum requirements are met:



- ✓ Health-care providers are trained
 ✓ Standard operating procedures are in place
 ✓ Consultation takes place in a private setting
- ✓ Confidentiality is guaranteed
- A referral system is in place to ensure that women can access related services
- Health-care settings are equipped to provide a comprehensive response, addressing both physical and mental consequences
- Health-care providers gather forensic evidence when needed

All statistics can be found in the report entitled Global and regional estimates of violence against women: Prevalence and health effects of intimate partner violence and non-partner sexual violence, by the World Health Organization, the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine, and the South African Medical Research Council, found here: