

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN: HEALTH-CARE WORKER INTERVENTION

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