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BOOKS:

Confronting Chronic Neglect: The Education & Training of Health Professionals on Family Violence

Institute of Medicine, 2002

This book addresses some of the barriers to screening for domestic violence by health care professionals. It offers specific recommendations for raising awareness of the issue of domestic violence, and discusses ways to involve health care professionals in assuming greater responsibility for responding to victims.

Diagnostic and Treatment Guidelines on Domestic Violence

American Medical Association, 1992

This book was designed to be used by people in the medical profession as an educational tool about domestic violence. It offers useful information about warning signs and symptoms and how to handle them.

Diagnostic and Treatment Guidelines on Elder Abuse and Neglect

American Medical Association, 1992

This book was designed to be used by people in the medical profession as an educational tool about domestic violence as it relates to elder abuse and neglect. It offers useful information about warning signs and symptoms and how to handle them.

Diagnostic and Treatment Guidelines on Mental Health Effects of Family Violence

American Medical Association, 1992

This book was designed to be used by people in the medical profession as an educational tool about domestic violence and its effects on a person's mental health. It offers useful information about warning signs and symptoms and how to handle them.

Domestic Violence—A Health Care Issue?

British Medical Association, 1998

Through this report, the British Medical Association leads the way to encourage all health professionals in all disciplines to raise awareness of the major public health problem of domestic violence. The association also hopes to develop strategies to identify and reduce the health impacts that occur from such violence and to break down some of the stereotypes that exist. The role of many health care professionals to address domestic violence is included, and encompasses nurses, midwives, psychiatrists, obstetricians, and accident and emergency room personnel.

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Domestic Violence and Healthcare – What Every Professional Needs to Know

Sage Publications, Inc., Sherri L. Schornstein, 1997

Of all women battered by their partners in the United States, only a small percent are correctly diagnosed as victims of abuse. The medical community has a unique opportunity to intervene, but many health care professionals need more training to recognize the abuse, tools to intervene and information on where to refer victims for additional assistance. This study alerts such professionals to signs of abuse and helps prepare them to deal sensitively and appropriately with the needs of victims. The author provides vital information on the impact that examination and documentation may have upon subsequent prosecution of the batterer, while sample questions and forms assist examiners to record the most accurate information possible.

Empowering Survivors of Abuse: Health Care for Battered Women and their Children

Edited by Jacquelyn C. Campbell, 1998

Written for health care professionals to gain the skills needed to effectively intervene in domestic violence cases, this book addresses issues and interventions specific to abused women of specific populations and includes chapters on adolescent, African American, Native American, Hispanic, migrant and rural women.

Helping Survivors of Domestic Violence: The Effectiveness of Medical, Mental Health, and Community Services

Judith S. Gordon, 1998

This report presents the findings of a study done to assess the adequacy and efficacy of community and professional services used by battered women in Western and Central Oregon.

Lost Voices: Women, Chronic Pain, and Abuse

Nellie Radomsky, 2000

Radomsky works in a group clinic but did not originally want to see women who had been abused. Fifteen years of practice, increasingly with women suffering chronic pain, did, however, eventually lead her into the broad field of abuse. She learned that women patients should be measured against a feminine standard rather than the masculine one generally accepted as the medical baseline, and she discovered the widespread victimization of women by male physicians, husbands and boyfriends, even the women themselves. If she were to deal with chronic pain successfully, Radomsky found that she would have to keep in mind a bio-psychosocial model of the patient, not the usual biomedical model. Her practical but sympathetic, suitably documented book, with its many tales of suffering women, is further humanized by her personal reflections and observations.

Partner Violence, How to Recognize and Treat Victims of Abuse

Elaine J. Alpert, M.D., 1999

This book is meant to be a guide for physicians and other health care professionals. It covers background and dynamics of the abusive relationship, evaluation, intervention, prevention, and legal issues.

Physician's Guide to Domestic Violence: How to Ask the Right Questions and Recognize Abuse, The

Patricia R. Salber, M.D. & Ellen Taliaferro, M.D., 1995

This handbook was designed to be an easy-to-read, user-friendly "how to" manual for busy physicians. It gives an overview of domestic violence as well as practical advice on how to begin incorporating domestic violence intervention and prevention into your practice. Specific sections include: learning about the victims and perpetrators of domestic violence; what to do when she says "yes" to questions about abuse; legal issues; and preparing for an optimal response to domestic violence.

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Physician Guide to Media Violence

American Medical Association, 1996

This guidebook provides suggestions and options for dealing with violence in the media to protect our children. It offers physicians an overview of the health consequences of such exposure and how to understand the findings in relation to general societal violence, child development, and learning.

Secondary Traumatic Stress: Self-Care Issues for Clinicians, Researchers, & Educators

B. Hudnall Stamm, Ph.D., 1999

Beginning with the assumption that caring for people who have experienced highly stressful events puts the caregiver at risk for developing similar stress-related symptoms, this book brings together some of the best thinkers in the trauma field to write about the prevention and treatment of Secondary Traumatic Stress. This guide will examine a wide range of ideas about what is known, what is suspected, and what is wondered about, while exploring our ethical obligations to each other, to our communities, and to future trauma research.

Strategies for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Assault

American Medical Association, 1995

This book was written because sexual assault is one of the fastest growing crimes. Medical professionals are the most likely group of people to have contact with these victims, so it is important for them to be informed.



AUDIO-VISUAL MATERIALS:

Abuse Assessment Response Course: Systems Approach to Partner Violence Across the Life Span

Physicians for A Violence-Free Society, 2003

This is a CD-Rom Program designed for physicians to learn how to recognize and respond to domestic violence. Included are discussions on: dynamics, screening and assessment, and documentation. Also included are resources for those who want to teach this course, such as scripted PowerPoint presentations, instructor notes, and role-playing exercises.

Adolescent Reproductive Health Education Project 2nd Edition (DVD)

Physicians for Reproductive Choice & Health, 2008

Physicians for Reproductive Choice & Health, the voice of pro-choice physicians, exists to ensure that all people, including young women and men, have the knowledge, access to quality services, and freedom to make reproductive health decisions for themselves and/or their partners. The DVD features a discussion regarding medical education and adolescent health, specifically addressing ways to change physician behavior and attitudes regarding reproductive health service provision and adolescents. This DVD covers the sensitive issue of adolescent reproductive health.

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(The) Battered Woman: Emergency Room Team Version

Division on Women, State of New Jersey

This film highlights the devastating effects of domestic violence and teaches effective tools for intervention, with emphasis on the emergency room team. The video covers the dynamics of domestic violence, and discusses what signs to look for while you examine a patient. It also discusses myths surrounding domestic violence and how victim blaming and other types of attitudes can be lethal to the battered woman. It explains where to look for specific injuries that are usually caused by domestic violence and how to conduct a non-threatening interview with the patient.

(The) Battered Women: MD Version

Division on Women, State of New Jersey

This film highlights the devastating effects of domestic violence and teaches effective tools for intervention, with emphasis on the physician. The video covers the dynamics of domestic violence, and discusses what signs to look for while you examine a patient. It discusses myths surrounding domestic violence, how victim blaming and other types of attitudes can be lethal to the battered woman. It explains where to look for specific injuries that are usually caused by domestic violence and how to conduct a non-threatening interview with the patient.

(The) Battered Woman: RN Version

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(A) Body of Evidence: Using the New York State Sexual Offense Evidence Collection Kit

New York State

This DVD is for health care providers who are responsible for providing services to victims of sexual violence. It opens with a message from Mariska Hargitay, *Law & Order Special Victims Unit* and includes sections on the components of the pre-exam, non-genital and genital exams, and securing and packaging evidence.

City of Shelter: A Coordinated Community Response

Global Village Communications, 2000

Eight (8) hours total running time

This documentary-based training series examines barriers to, and successful strategies for developing an integrated approach to reducing domestic violence. It was created to help members of a domestic violence task force to understand what every other member's limitations, frustrations, and strong points are to help each member see how other members of that task force can help them do their job better. Therefore, it is strongly recommended that this series be viewed as an entire course, rather than in individual sections, as each segment draws from information presented in a previous segment. *Please go to the annotated bibliography list *Coordinated Community Response & Collaboration*, for a full listing of video segments. Specific segments *pertinent to healthcare only include**:

Part 3: Herding Cats and Part 4A: The Health Care Response

79 minutes

Part 3 gets inside coordinating councils to look at the clashing, and ultimately, the collaborating of diverse professionals.

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Part 4A defines the common characteristic of successful coordinating councils: each person understands of everyone else's procedures in response to domestic violence. This segment begins that cross-understanding by looking at the health care response.

Crime Against the Future

March of Dimes, 1989

22 minutes

This video examines the number one health problem in America: battering during pregnancy. Most battering begins while a woman is pregnant, and approximately one in 12 women are battered during pregnancy. Battering causes low birth weight and miscarriages, while the woman's anxiety can also cause development problems to the fetus. This video informs the viewer of various methods used in hospitals and emergency rooms to assess if a woman is being battered; and serves as an outreach tool to protect the unborn child and provide counseling to pregnant women.

Domestic Violence and Healthcare—Best Practices in Action

Hillcrest Films, Peter Cohn, 2010

21 minutes

This video offers a dramatic and timely exploration of domestic abuse and examines the persistence of violence against women in the United States through the story of Kim, a mother of three in Duluth, Minnesota. The video also offers a look into Baltimore's Mercy Medical Center Sexual Assault Forensic Examination (SAFE) program, and the unit's pioneering effort to bring forensic examination techniques into domestic violence cases, including coordinating with the police department. The video follows doctors and nurses in the emergency room, the mother-baby unit, pre-op and other departments. Healthcare professionals share candid observations about domestic violence prevention in medicine and offer specific, practical suggestions. The video demonstrates that domestic violence is pervasive and gets to the complexity of the problem and the critical need for national, state and community-based responses to crimes of abusive behavior.

Domestic Violence Screening for Health Care Professionals

New Hampshire Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence, 2002

The purpose of this video on routine confidential screening for domestic violence in the health care setting is to demonstrate effective methods of screening and interventions for health care providers. It will also serve to identify ways in which a patient may present the fact that they are a victim, and successful ways of intervening.

Domestic Violence Training Promo

Office of Minority Health & the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, 2000

15 minutes

This is a promotional video published by the Office of Minority Health to educate people on what steps to take when dealing with a domestic violence situation.

Hostages At Home: Understanding Domestic Violence

Intermedia, Inc., 1995

52 minutes

This video features five women from different ethnic and socioeconomic groups who have survived domestic violence. The program dispels myths about domestic violence and examines the effects on the community as a health issue.

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It Never Hurts to Ask, You May Save a Life: Screening, Assessment, and Management of Domestic Violence in the Primary Health Care Setting

Family Practice Department of Maine Medical Center, 2003

20 minutes

This training videotape for health care providers portrays a family physician and medical students discussing an actual case seen by a faculty member in the program. The accompanying support material has been developed to assist in the training of medical students and primary health care providers in screening, assessment, and management of patients who are at risk of interpersonal violence.

National Protocol for Sexual Assault & Medical Forensic Examinations

The International Association of Forensic Nurses, 2004

As we have learned in the years since the implementation of the 1994 Violence Against Women Act, coordinated community efforts are the best way to stop violence against women and hold offenders accountable for their crimes. That is why this protocol was designed as a guide for criminal justice and health care practitioners who respond to victims of sexual assault. Combining cutting edge response techniques with collaboration among service providers can greatly enhance their ability to treat and support victims as well as identify and punish the sex offenders.

Polaroid Domestic Violence Response Video: Health Care Professionals: Training, Tools, and Techniques for Breaking the Cycle

Polaroid Corporation, 1997

This informational video series gives health care professionals the information and tools they need to ask the right questions, document their findings, and hopefully break the cycle of abuse suffered by victims of domestic violence.

Responding to Violence Against Women in a Health Care Setting

Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence, 2003

This set of two videos presents a two-day training put on by NNADV, which provided physicians and nurses with the background and skills necessary to respond appropriately to victims of domestic violence in a health care setting. The curriculum is based upon national training models, and closely parallels the Consensus Guidelines created by [Futures Without Violence](#) (formerly Family Violence Prevention Fund).

Screen to End Abuse

Family Violence Prevention Fund

32 minutes

This video includes five clinical vignettes demonstrating techniques for screening and responding to domestic violence in primary care settings. It will help physicians and nurses to incorporate routine screening into a busy medical practice, respond effectively to patients affected by domestic violence, and institute policies and procedures for identifying and responding to domestic violence, including changing the look of a clinical practice to let patients know they are safe to disclose abuse.

Tutorial for Dentists (DVD)

UCSF/Center for Health Improvement & Prevention Studies, 2005

15 minutes

This 15-minute interactive program contains instruction tailored to dentists and other oral health professionals in performing AVDR (Ask, Validate, Document, and Refer) intervention for victims of domestic violence.

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Voices of Survivors

Family Violence Prevention Fund, 2002

31 minutes

Written and directed by a physician for health care providers, *Voices of Survivors* addresses the dynamics of domestic violence, its prevalence, and the need for providers to routinely screen their patients. It offers specific step-by-step instructions on how to screen, how to support victims and assess safety, and how to give effective referrals. In addition, the video goes on to describe the hidden costs and hidden physical and mental health issues that could be addressed sooner if screening were to occur. Dr. Nicolaidis' video is strengthened by interviews she conducted with survivors of domestic violence who retell their personal experiences and offer suggestions for health care providers to improve their response.

When Injuries Speak, Who Will Listen?

Intermedia, Inc.

32 minutes

This video designed for healthcare professionals, illustrates the challenges and solutions in regard to domestic violence. Assessment strategies and protocols are given to assist medical personnel in dealing with survivors of domestic violence. Patterns and the health impact of domestic violence are discussed, along with issues of immediate safety, dealing with the batterer in the health care setting, and providing support and services to survivors.



MANUALS:

Business Case for DV Programs in the Healthcare Settings

Family Violence Prevention Fund and Physicians for a Violence-Free Society, 2002

In the (then) current healthcare environment, it is imperative that advocates for domestic violence programs understand the impact these programs will have on both the cost and quality of medical outcomes. This manual gives guidelines on how healthcare providers and victim advocates can work collaboratively to deliver the best services to victims. The manual offers guidelines, in presentation format, giving an overview of domestic violence and making the case for health care response programs to address abuse, including programs geared for the workplace, and various hospital-based departments and rural community clinics.

Community and Clinical Health Services Response to Domestic Violence

Training and Education Committee

The primary goals and objectives of this manual include: to establish that domestic violence is a primary health issue, to correct the misinformation and myths surrounding domestic violence, and to educate health care professionals and their staff on local resources to improve their response to domestic violence victims.

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Costs of Intimate Partner Violence Against Women in the United States

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2003

Intimate partner violence (IPV) is a substantial public health problem in the United States with serious consequences for women and families. This report estimates the incidence, prevalence and costs of non-fatal and fatal IPV, identifies future research needs, and highlights the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's priorities for prevention research.

Domestic Violence: A National Curriculum for Family Preservation Practitioners

Family Violence Prevention Fund, 1995 (latest edition)

This manual is to teach family preservation practitioners skills in identification, assessment, and intervention that will improve their response to domestic violence. Included in the curriculum are a suggested program agenda, content outlines for instructors, and exercises designed for practicing skills in domestic violence identification, assessment, and intervention.

Domestic Violence: Cultural Competency in the Healthcare Setting

Developed by Sujata Warrior, Ph.D., for the Family Violence Prevention Fund, 1998

This workshop material defines the terms "culture" and "cultural competency" as they apply to domestic violence. Its goal is to increase health care providers' awareness of culture and how to interact within different cultural perspectives when responding to victims of domestic violence. The material also provides a practice model to promote a response to domestic violence that is free of discrimination and committed to cultural competency.

Full Report of the Prevalence, Incidence, and Consequences of Violence Against Women

Patricia Tjaden & Nancy Thoennes, 2000

This report, from the National Institute of Justice and the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, presents the findings of the National Violence Against Women Survey that was performed from November 1995 to May 1996. Data was gathered from survey respondents who described physical assaults in childhood and adulthood, as well as any rape or stalking incidents they had endured. Information includes physical injuries suffered and medical treatment sought.

(The) Future of Children—Health Insurance for Children

The David and Lucile Packard Foundation, 2003

The intention of this manual is to encourage informed debate about the most effective strategies to provide publicly funded health coverage to low-income children. The manual's key purpose is to provide policymakers, service providers, and the media with timely, objective information based on the best available research regarding major issues related to child well-being. It specifically focuses on efforts to provide publicly funded health insurance to low-income children in the United States through Medicaid and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP).

Guidelines for the Healthcare of Intimate Partner Violence

California Medical Training Center, 1998

The premise of this manual is that if health care providers can identify patients who suffer from partner violence and abuse earlier, then they can initiate efforts to prevent further abuse and injury to the patient. Among other issues, it provides information for the practitioner about partner violence and suggests case management strategies and protocols that can be adapted to any office, clinic, or hospital setting. It also provides clear guidelines for documenting findings in a way that will help guide continuity of care, protect the practitioner's liability and provide evidence of abuse when needed.

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How to Recognize Abuse and Neglect

Joint Commission Resources, 2002

This manual serves to assist health care organizations in developing awareness and systems for identifying and preventing abuse and neglect.

Identifying and Preventing Violence to Women

Association of Trial Lawyers of America, 1993

Preventing Violence to Women was a ground-breaking conference that brought together more than 200 physicians, lawyers, law enforcement officials, judges, hospital administrators, psychologists and representatives of victims' organizations and women's advocacy groups. The focus of the conference was to engage the medical and legal communities in a full-scale national effort to acknowledge and prevent violence against women. This manual synthesizes their findings, including enforcing existing laws, the medical community's responsibilities, the role of judges, as well as long-term prevention efforts.

Identifying & Responding to Domestic Violence: Consensus Recommendations for Child & Adolescent Health

Family Violence Prevention Fund, 2002

This manual presents specific recommendations for screening and responding to domestic violence in child health settings, and speaks to the need for child health providers to engage in, model, and take leadership in delivering effective primary prevention of domestic violence.

Identifying and Responding to Domestic Violence Victimization in Health Care Settings

Family Violence Prevention Fund, 2002

This manual presents recommendations on how screening for domestic violence victimization, and assessment, documentation, intervention and referrals should occur in multiple settings and in various professional disciplines.

Improving the Health and Mental Health Care Systems' Response to Violence Against Women

Ending Violence Against Women, 2000

This manual presents sexual assault and domestic violence as overlapping yet distinct health issues, and gives some tips on how we can improve the health care systems' response to these issues. Sections include primary and secondary prevention of violence against women, integrating response in all levels of the health care system, addressing health care policy issues, and making a difference.

Improving the Health Care Response to Domestic Violence: a Resource Manual for Health Care Providers

Family Violence Prevention Fund, 1995

This manual presents suggestions and strategies for health care providers dealing with patients who are in domestic violence situations. Sections include: understanding domestic violence; identification, assessment & intervention with victims; health care responses to perpetrators; and establishing an appropriate response to domestic violence in the physician's practice, institution, and community.

Improving the Health Care Response to Domestic Violence: A Trainer's Manual

Family Violence Prevention Fund, 1998

This manual builds on the idea that developing effective, culturally appropriate health care responses to domestic violence requires integrating expertise about: health care, domestic violence, the impact of culture on health issues and health care delivery. This guide includes sections on screening, assessment, intervention, and documentation, cultural competency, practical applications, and legal issues.

Improving Your Health Care Facility's Response to Domestic Violence

Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence, 1998

This manual includes sections on basic dynamics of domestic violence, cultural competency, legal issues, and clinical strategies for screening, assessment, intervention, and documentation.

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Intimate Partner Violence During Pregnancy: A Guide for Clinicians

American College of Obstetricians & Gynecologists, 2000

This manual serves as an educational tool for obstetrician/gynecologists to understand the important role they can play in identifying intimate partner violence during pregnancy, and teaches how they can provide appropriate interventions. It includes: a hard copy of 44 slides, accompanying speaker notes, a bibliography, resource lists, and a CD-ROM with two PowerPoint slide presentations.

Making the Connection: Domestic Violence and Public Health

End Abuse/Family Violence Prevention Fund & Funded by the Conrad Hilton Foundation with support from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, 2004

This curriculum has been designed for people working in the public health arena including local health departments, program managers, health policy makers, and educators as well as people working in the field of domestic violence.

Maryland Physicians' Campaign Against Family Violence

The Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, 1994

This manual is designed for health care professionals to raise awareness and educate them about the myths, facts, ways to identify abuse, and ways to intervene.

Maternal and Child Health Journal: Violence and Reproductive Health

Kluwer Academic / Plenum Publishers, June 2000

This issue provides a collection of articles all addressing the issues of violence during pregnancy and/or reproductive health risks associated with violence.

National Health Care Standards Campaign on Family Violence

End Abuse/Family Violence Prevention Fund & Funded by the Conrad Hilton Foundation with support from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, 2004

This document summarizes the accomplishments of the campaign and we hope it will be useful to you as you encourage others in your state to join your efforts to improve the health care response to family violence.

Preventing Domestic Violence: Clinical Guidelines on Routine Screening

Futures Without Violence (formerly Family Violence Prevention Fund), 1999

In this document, the Fund presents its recommendations for how screening should occur within the health care system.

Preventing Violence to Women: Integrating the Health and Legal Communities

Trial Lawyers of America, 1993

This manual presents findings and recommendations realized at a national interdisciplinary conference held in June of 1993. The major focus of this conference was the responsibility of the legal and medical communities to engage their members in a full-scale effort to acknowledge and prevent violence against women. Topics discussed include: assault on the job, civil protective orders, mandatory arrest, the roles of religious institutions and service providers, and substance abuse and domestic violence.

Project Esperanza: A Guide to Working with Battered Latinas

North Carolina Coalition Against Domestic Violence, 1995

This manual was developed to increase the capacity of domestic violence programs, community health centers, and legal advocates to provide assistance to battered Latinas and their children. It was designed to be utilized by a broad range of providers, educators, and other professionals involved in administering health and social services, legal representation, and community outreach. This manual will attempt to increase knowledge about cultural differences, immigration, and community issues related to the Latino population.

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Suggested Health Care Protocols for Assisting Victims of Domestic Violence in Nevada

Nevada Office of the Attorney General and NNADV, 1994

These suggested protocols have been compiled from models throughout the country, and have been specifically tailored for use in the State of Nevada with the input and assistance of local health care professionals and service providers.

Suggested Protocols for Victims of Spousal and Elder Abuse

Colorado Department of Health, 1992

This manual was developed as a guideline by the Colorado Department of Health Protocol Development Task Force to assist Colorado hospitals in developing local policies and procedures pertaining to family violence and is based on the idea that hospitals have a vital role to play in the identification and intervention with victims of family violence.

Understanding Domestic Violence: A Recovery Resource for Battered Women & Those Who Work with Them

Barbara Corry, MA, 1993

Drawn directly from the experiences of formerly battered women, this guide has been designed specifically to provide hope, to encourage women's accountability, and to assist women in breaking through the denial and shame which characterize domestic violence. This manual is also a valuable tool for professionals who work closely with battered women, including: women's shelter staff, domestic violence programs, social workers, doctors and nurses, clergy, and law enforcement.

Violence Against Women—the Hidden Health Burden

World Bank Discussion Papers, Lori L. Heise, 1994

Violence against women is a major health problem around the world that often goes unnoticed and undocumented partly due to its taboo nature. A number of recent studies have explored the extent and patterns as well as the health consequences of violence in different cultures. The studies cited indicate that violence against women is widespread and an important cause of morbidity and mortality among women. Injuries due to violence have only recently been recognized as an important public health problem. More research is needed to improve our understanding of gender violence, and to design better interventions.

(The) World Health Report 2005—Make Every Mother and Child Count

World Health Organization, 2005

The World Health Report 2005—*Make Every Mother and Child Count*, says that this year almost 11 million children under five years of age will die from causes that are largely preventable. Among them are 4 million babies who will not survive the first month of life. At the same time, more than half a million women will die in pregnancy, childbirth or soon after. The report says that reducing this toll in line with the Millennium Development Goals depends largely on every mother and every child having the right to access to health care from pregnancy through childbirth, the neonatal period and childhood.