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Shedding Light on the Hidden Epidemic of Violence and Brain Injury

Message from the Guest Editors

Brain injury from head trauma or strangulation as a result of violence (such as intimate partner violence, youth violence, etc.) is an incredibly underappreciated and understudied problem globally. Although brain injury due to violence was found to occur quite frequently in the early 1990s, it has not received much attention until fairly recently. Individuals who suffer from violence, especially intimate partner violence (IPV)-related brain injury, often experience problems with both cognitive and psychological functioning, including PTSD. IPV is underreported and therefore many injuries associated with it, including injuries to the brain, are untreated. The goal of this Special Issue is to discuss the pathophysiology of violence related brain injury; review opportunities for medical clinicians to recognize violence-related brain injury; understand the complex social and medical consequences of violence and brain injury; and look at prevention and treatment models.

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