



Violence against Women as an Interdisciplinary Challenge in Public Health

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Message from the Guest Editor

Dear Colleagues,

Violence against woman has been identified as a major problem not only in national and international law, but also in psychiatry, medicine and public health.

The wide range of forms of such violence and the specific problems encountered by victims and survivors encompass domestic violence, rape, female genital mutilation, “honor” killings, Chaupadhi (menstrual segregation), trafficking, sexual torture, sati, prison conditions that violate human rights and standards such as the Bangkok declaration. The sequelae include severe emotional suffering, different forms of posttraumatic stress, infections and physical injuries, increased suicide risks, psychiatric complications such as substance dependency, the impairment of wellbeing, and the impairment of sexual, occupational and private functioning.

Prevention, treatment and support must also be seen as major public health issues that can only be addressed by an interdisciplinary approach covering diverse factors such as culture, impunity, redress, and access to medical and psychological treatment.





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