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COMPREHENSIVE CARE FOR SEXUAL VIOLENCE SURVIVORS IN A PUBLIC HOSPITAL

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Introduction

- ▶ International guidelines specify the central role of the health sector in providing comprehensive care, after sexual assault.
- ▶ MJAP in collaboration with Mulago National Referral Hospital integrated a comprehensive model of care into existing hospital services for sexual violence survivors.
- ▶ Implementation is at the emergence obstetric ward, Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology.

Methods

- ▶ 134 records kept at this facility were retrieved and analyzed
- ▶ Epiinfo program used

Objective

- ▶ To assess the existing services for sexual violence survivors at Mulago Hospital National referral and teaching hospital, Kampala, Uganda.

Results(1)

- ▶ There has been considerable improvements in clinical history and examination of sexual assault survivors
- ▶ HIV counseling and testing(100%),
- ▶ HIV Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) 100%,
- ▶ Pregnancy testing(100%), provision of emergency contraception(85.5%),

Results(2)

- ▶ STIs screening (62.7%),
- ▶ Prophylaxis for sexually transmitted infections (88.6%),
- ▶ Trauma counseling (79.1%),
- ▶ Referral for psychosocial support (85.1%) and legal support (84.3%).

Conclusion(1)

Challenges in the provision of comprehensive services for sexual violence survivors include;

- ▶ Late reporting
- ▶ Delays in accessing PEP and lack of training for service
- ▶ providers are significant obstacles to effective implementation.

Conclusion(2)

- ▶ It is possible to improve the quality of care for sexual violence survivors, within a public health hospital;
- ▶ At a modest cost,
- ▶ By using existing staff and structures.
- ▶ With additional training, nurses/midwives can become the primary providers of this care.
- ▶ Service provision within an inpatient department ensures provision of a twenty four hours service.

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