


Chapter 28




Child, Older Adult, and Intimate Partner Abuse



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Types of Abuse

- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Neglect
- Economic Abuse







not all wounds are visible

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Epidemiology and Comorbidity

- Prevalence
- Comorbidity
 - Secondary effects of violence
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3

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Occurrence of Violence

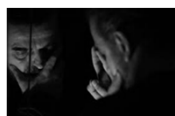
- Requires
- 1. Perpetrator
- 2. Vulnerable person
- 3. crisis situation



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Characteristics of Perpetrators

- Consider their own needs more important...
- Poor social skills
- Extreme pathological jealousy
- May control family finances



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Cycle of Violence

- Tension-building stage
- Acute battering stage
- Honeymoon stage



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Characteristics of Vulnerable Persons: Women

- Pregnancy may trigger or...
- Violence may escalate when...
- Greatest risk for violence...



Characteristics of Vulnerable Persons: Children

- Younger than 3 years
- Perceived as different
- Remind parents of...
- Product of...
- Interference with emotional bonding...



Characteristics of Vulnerable Persons: Older Adults

- Poor mental or physical health
- Dependent on perpetrator
- Female, older than 75 years, white, living with...
- Elderly father cared for by a daughter he...
- Elderly woman cared for by a husband..



Application of the Nursing Process

- Assessment
 - General assessment
 - Interview process and setting
 - Self assessment



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Case Study

- A parent brings a child with “suspicious” injuries to the ED.
- What are some questions you should ask the parent?



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Assessment

- Should include:
 - Violence indicators
 - Level of anxiety and coping responses
 - Family coping patterns
 - Support systems
 - Suicide and/or homicide potential
 - Drug and alcohol use



Case Study (Cont.)

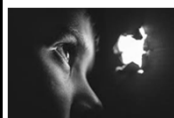
- What are some questions you should ask the child?



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Nursing Process (Cont.)

- Diagnosis (Table 28-4)
 - Risk for injury
 - Risk for violence
- Outcomes identification (Table 28-5)
 - Abuse protection
 - Abuse recovery



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Planning

- Guidelines developed by
 - The Joint Commission
 - The Nursing Network on Violence Against Women
- The general tolerance of violence in America must be addressed if long-lasting changes are to be made.



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Implementation

- Reporting abuse
- Counseling—safety plan
- Case management
- Therapeutic environment
- Promotion of self-care activities
- Health teaching and health promotion



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Case Study (Cont.)

- The nurse suspects child abuse.
- What important documentation is needed?



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Prevention of Abuse

- Primary prevention
 - Measure taken to...
- Secondary prevention
 - Early intervention to minimize...
- Tertiary prevention
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3



Case Study (Cont.)

- A nurse wants to help prevent child abuse in the community and plans to hold classes for new parents.
- What are some topics that should be covered?



Advanced Practice Interventions

- Individual psychotherapy
- Family psychotherapy
- Group psychotherapy



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