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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%).
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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