Violence Awareness in Oral Health

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BACKGROUND

**What is violence awareness in dentistry?**

- The WHO defines violence as the intentional use of physical force, threatened against oneself, that results in a likelihood of injury (health, psychological, maldevelopment. Deprivation).*4*

**Effects**

- Patients may be forced to delay treatment.*2*
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RESULTS

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CONCLUSIONS

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- Distributed Via STOHN PBRN
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CITATIONS


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• Dental practitioners look for several signs of violence exposure

• As a health care providers dentist are primary reporters

• The average comfort level of assist persons with violent exposure was 6.5%

• Looking for possible participation 61.8% were interested in participating in the study
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4. Figure 1: https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/progress-notes/201902/alarming-effects-childrens-exposure-domestic-violence

5. Figure 2: @inproceedings{Nagelberg2015ChildAA, title={Child abuse awareness in the dental profession}, author={Richard H. Nagelberg}, year={2015}


7. Figure 4: https://iims.uthscsa.edu/south-texas-oral-health-network-e-cigarette-webinar

8. Figure 5: https://donorbox.org/nonprofit-blog/domestic-violence-nonprofits?print=print