





ADDRESSING SEXUAL VIOLENCE

THROUGH PREVENTIVE NURSING PRACTICE



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exual violence is a serious public health problem worldwide. Nearly one in five (19.3 percent) women report having been raped at some time in their life, with 8.8 percent reporting that the rape was committed by an intimate partner (Breiding et al., 2014). According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 43.9 percent of women experienced other forms of sexual violence (Breiding et al., 2014).

Abstract: Approximately 1 in 20 women will experience sexual violence at some point in her life. The negative health consequences to women can be serious and lifelong, prompting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the World Health Organization to declare sexual violence a public health problem. Nurses, in their provision of care to individuals and communities, can contribute to improved outcomes related to the problem of sexual violence through the application of preventive care practices. DOI: 10.1111/1751-486X.12160

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