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### Professional care at hospital admission. Victim narrative

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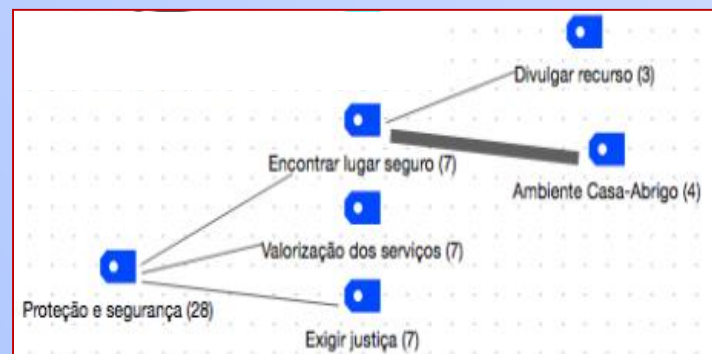
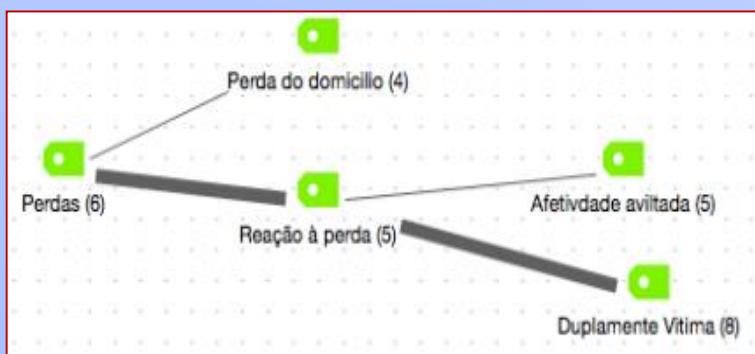
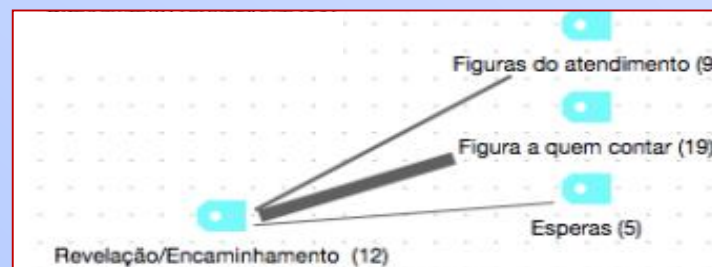
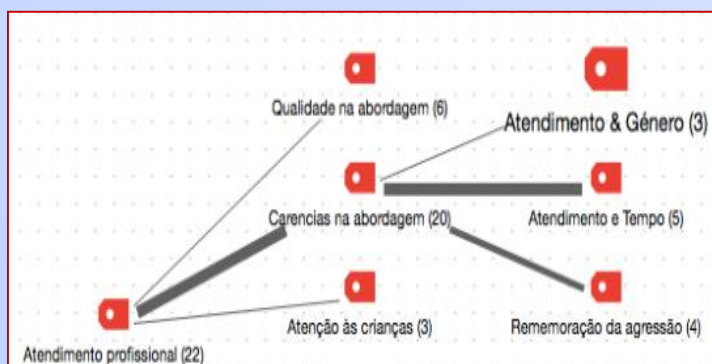
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**Introduction:** Violence is a problem that disturbs society, individual and collective health. For women who suffer violence there are bruises, griefs and serious prejudice. Hospital emergency is a resource in the wake up call of violence.

**Objective:** To describe victim's experience regarding the care provided by health professionals following the episode of violence.

**Results:** The majority are Portuguese (n = 21), in cohabitation with the aggressor (24) and having children (n = 26). For 19 participants violence lasted higher than 4 years. In 18 women, the time between entering the emergency hospital and the safe place was from 1 to 48 hours. Content analysis revealed 192 references to the attendance process. From the narratives four categories emerged such as a) feelings of protection, b) feelings of loss, c) professionalism and d) knowing the referral.

**Methodology:** Study applied a qualitative approach. Convenience sample of 28 women under protective home. Age between 22-64 years (SD = 11.79). Data was analysed using MaxQda software. Ethical procedures were followed.



It is relevant to say that, women report the help to declare violence, to obtain a safe place to live, to demand justice. At the end losses are indeed relevant.

**Conclusion:** although the remembering design may bring some bias, the participants are globally gratified with the attendance. In the process, affective grievances and material needs are irrecoverable.

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