

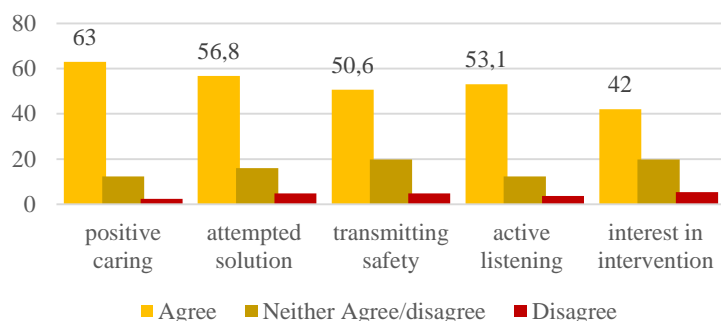


Violence against women: perception of victims about professional care in hospital admission

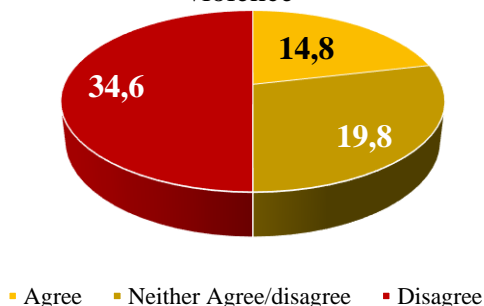
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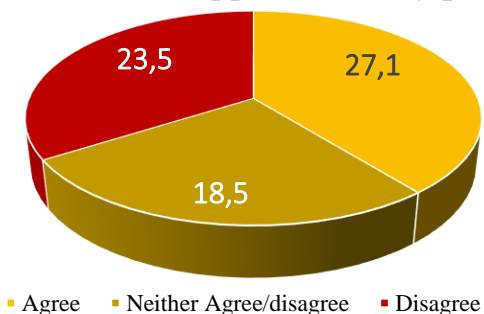
Women's perception about care provided



Nurses are uncomfortable talking about violence



Nurses offer support “security plan”



Introduction: When entering the health care system Women who are victims of violence in intimate relationships, are attended by health professionals. After the act of violence the hospital emergency is one of the ways to get help.

Objective: The description of victims' experience regarding attendance provided by health professionals in consequence of the act of violence.

Methodology: Quantitative, descriptive, cross-sectional study. Convenience sample of 81 women where sheltered by emergency (n = 32; 39.5%) or by planned sheltered (n = 49; 60.5%), within the aged of 19-64 years (SD = 11.64). The questionnaire applies dimensions of the Chicago program. The ethics committee gave a positive opinion to this study.

Results: The majority of women are Portuguese, (n=60; 74.1%), are unemployed (n=47; 59.5%), and married (n=35; 43,2%). For the majority violence lasted higher then 4 years (n = 50, 61.7%). For most of them, routing happened between 1-48h (n = 38; 55.9%), but in some cases it might reach up to 6 months (n = 3; 4.4%). Most of 68 participants with cohabiting children, reported that attention was paid to joint referral (n = 53, 65.4%).

Conclusion: There are positive results, owing to care, inform and interven. However, some professionals have difficulties to talk about the act of violence at the moment of attendance. Therefor it would be helpful to active listening to women, contributing to the recovery in extreme life experience!

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