

Domestic violence against Egyptian women and factors affecting it

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This descriptive cross sectional study was carried out to identity the prevalence of domestic violence and main risk factors associated with it among women visiting maternal and child health care centers in Cairo. Four maternal and child health care centers were randomly selected in four different districts in Cairo [Heliopolis (East Cairo), Bolaq (West Cairo), Helwan (South Cairo) and Shobra (North Cairo)]. The sample comprised 1000 women, age of them ranged 18-50 years. The interval was 11 months extending from the beginning of June 2002 to April 2003. The women during their presence in the centers were subjected to an interviewing questionnaire ; questions were directed individually to each woman twice weekly at about 2 women every week, nearly 250 women in each center. The results and conclusion were presented and discussed.