

Violence against women : A study of the prevalence and psychiatric consequence

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The aim of this study is to estimate the prevalence of various types of abuse directed towards women, to study the possible correlates of violence against women and to study the psychiatric consequences of violence against women. The study was conducted on 1158 females attending Al-Zahraa Hospital Outpatient Clinic, the sample was divided into 2 groups, group I consisted of 620 females attending general medical clinic and gynaecological clinic and group II consisted of 538 females attending psychiatric outpatient clinic using standardized psychiatric assessment, SCID I and II and World SAFE questionnaire.

The life time prevalence of psychological abuse in general medical outpatient was 42.1% compared to psychiatric outpatient 52.7%. Violence against women is common widespread and far reaching in its impact. the mental health consequences of violence includes substance abuse depression and somatization disorder