The Association Between Exposure to IPV and Having an Abnormal Pap Test and HPV Infections Among Women in Low-Income Urban Areas

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Disclosure

The learner will be able to:

• 1. Recognize the associations among women with histories of or in current IPV relationships and smoking, perceived stress, and risky sexual behaviors.

• 2. Describe the barriers that interfere with victims of IPV obtaining preventive screening and follow up care for abnormal Pap tests.

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Problem Prospective

- World Health Organization (2014) identified 1 out of 3 women throughout the world will experience physical or sexual violence by a partner or by a non-partner.
- IPV effects 20%-50% of women in United States.
- IPV places women at higher risk for physical injuries, psychosocial problems, maternal complications and death.
- HPV associated cervical cancer rates higher among Black and Hispanic women.
- Age adjusted national mortality rates higher among Black women.
- Incidence rates increase with higher poverty.
Purpose of Study

• To examine the association between IPV and having and abnormal Pap test and HPV status.
• Interaction of IPV with smoking, psychosocial stress, and risky sexual behavior.
Risk Factors for Cervical Cancer

Childhood or Adult IPV

Study Variables

• Smoking
• Risky Sexual Behaviors
• Perceived Stress
• Exposure to HR-HPV

• Outcome Measures
• Abnormality on Pap test and HPV infection status
Methodology of Study

- Descriptive, correlational study
- N= 400 women between ages of 21 and 50
- Urban community health center
- Participants completed a 20 minute survey asking about their childhood and adult history of abuse, smoking, stress and risky sexual behavior.
- Pap tests with the last 3 years and HPV status were collected from health records.
- Women were provided with individual counseling from RA regarding HPV and Cervical Cancer risk.
- Participants provide with $20.00 gift certificate for answering survey questions.
3 Stages of Data Analysis

• Stage 1: Descriptive Analysis
• Stage 2: Bivariate Analysis
• Stage 3: Multivariate Analysis: Logistic analysis to examine the impact of study predictors and their interaction on cervical cancer.
• See handout of Data Analysis.
Barriers to Screening and Treatment for HPV Status and Pap Test

- Exposure to IPV
- Control of abusive partner
- Underinsured
- Living in poverty
- Lower education
- Poor employment opportunities
- Lower access to transportation and childcare
Implications for Health Promotion

• Exposure to IPV is detrimental to women’s health.
• Pap and HPV testing threatening and reminder of abuse and violence.
• Importance to ask about history of exposure to violence before conducting gyn screening.
Strategies for Trauma-Informed Gyn Care
Selected References


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