

[Letter to Editor, Anales de Psicología]

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I am enclosing the manuscript entitled "Health-care Professionals View on Specialized Care in Partner Violence Against Women" which are authors Ana Belén Arredondo Provecho (1), Gema del Pliego Pilo (2), Carmen Gallardo Pino (3)

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This research focused on the opinions held towards partner violence against women by health-care professionals working in a third level hospital in the Region of Madrid and their level of knowledge in this field. In the process, organizational barriers for the professionals to intervene in these cases have been detected and the article gathers their proposals to improve early detection and the medical care given to patients who have suffered from this kind of violence.

Whether having received specific training is related to the knowledge of these professionals has been studied.

We have found few works on the evaluation of the training in Partner Violence Against Women since the centralized training plan was started in Madrid. Knowing whether the training is working for the professionals who assist women and whether it makes their intervention easier is of great interest to us.

The goal of this research is the implementation of training plans on Partner Violence Against Women and their adaptation to the specific needs of specialized care professionals in order to provide them with useful tools that help them address this kind of violence, which has a great impact on health.

Our team has carried out similar studies in specific units of two hospitals in Madrid and in primary health care. For the first of them, we followed the work of Siendones Castillo, R.; Perea-Milla López, E.; Arjona Huertas, J.L.; Agüera Urbano, C.; Rubio Gallo, A. and Molina Molina, M. in 2002. This research addressed professionals working in the Emergency Department. Our work is aimed at all the departments and is adapted to our goals. Admittedly, the response rate has been lower than in the previous studies.

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Thank you for considering the evaluation of the manuscript and I remain at your disposal for any comments or concerns.

Yours Faithfully,

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