Chapter 28

Child, Older Adult, and Intimate Partner Abuse

Types of Abuse

- Physical abuse
- Sexual abuse
- Emotional abuse
- Neglect
- Economic Abuse

Epidemiology and Comorbidity

- Prevalence

- Comorbidity
  - Secondary effects of violence
    - 1
    - 2
    - 3
**Occurrence of Violence**

- Requires
  - 1. **Perpetrator**
  - 2. Vulnerable person
  - 3. Crisis situation

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**Characteristics of Perpetrators**

- Consider their own needs more important...
- Poor social skills
- Extreme pathological jealousy
- May control family finances

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**Cycle of Violence**

- Tension-building stage
- Acute battering stage
- Honeymoon stage
Characteristics of Vulnerable Persons: Women

- Pregnancy may trigger or...
- Violence may escalate when...
- Greatest risk for violence...

Characteristics of Vulnerable Persons: Children

- Younger than 3 years
- Perceived as different
- Remind parents of...
- Product of...
- Interference with emotional bonding...

Characteristics of Vulnerable Persons: Older Adults

- Poor mental or physical health
- Dependent on perpetrator
- Female, older than 75 years, white, living with...
- Elderly father cared for by a daughter he...
- Elderly woman cared for by a husband...
Application of the Nursing Process

- Assessment
  - General assessment
  - Interview process and setting
  - Self assessment

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Case Study

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Assessment

- Should include:
  - Violence indicators
  - Level of anxiety and coping responses
  - Family coping patterns
  - Support systems
  - Suicide and/or homicide potential
  - Drug and alcohol use
Case Study (Cont.)

- What are some questions you should ask the child?

Nursing Process (Cont.)

- Diagnosis (Table 28-4)
  - Risk for injury
  - Risk for violence
- Outcomes identification (Table 28-5)
  - Abuse protection
  - Abuse recovery

Planning

- Guidelines developed by
  - The Joint Commission
  - The Nursing Network on Violence Against Women
- The general tolerance of violence in America must be addressed if long-lasting changes are to be made.
**Implementation**

- Reporting abuse
- Counseling—safety plan
- Case management
- Therapeutic environment
- Promotion of self-care activities
- Health teaching and health promotion

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**Case Study (Cont.)**

- The nurse suspects child abuse.
- What important documentation is needed?

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**Prevention of Abuse**

- Primary prevention
  - Measure taken to...
- Secondary prevention
  - Early intervention to minimize...
- Tertiary prevention
  - 1
  - 2
  - 3
Case Study (Cont.)

- A nurse wants to help prevent child abuse in the community and plans to hold classes for new parents.
- What are some topics that should be covered?

Advanced Practice Interventions

- Individual psychotherapy
- Family psychotherapy
- Group psychotherapy