Satisfaction with SEXUAL ASSAULT AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE (SA/DV) TREATMENT CENTRES IN ONTARIO

BY DISABILITY STATUS

REASON FOR VISIT:
- Sexual Assault (includes by an intimate partner) - 73%
- Domestic Violence - 26%

1 in 5 women and adolescent girls presenting to SA/DV Treatment Centres lived with at least ONE disABILITY.

WOMEN LIVING WITH DISABILITIES WERE OVERWHELMINGLY PLEASED WITH CARE AT SA/DV TREATMENT CENTRES.
- 96% felt safe during their visit.
- 96% felt they were treated with respect.
- 97% rated overall care as Excellent or Good.
- 96% would recommend the service they received.

MORE LIKELY TO SUSTAIN PHYSICAL INJURY DURING ASSAULT:
- 53% women living with disABILITIES vs. 44% women living without disABILITIES.

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The most commonly cited concerns for victims of SA/DV seeking treatment were:
- PRIVACY: "...coming through the Emergency Department was unnerving...a separate entrance would have been appreciated"
- WAIT TIMES: "it took a long time for someone to help me"
- DISCRETION: "nurses knew what happened and gave me the pity look"
- "It took a long time for someone to help me"

Women living with disABILITIES were more likely to sustain PHYSICAL INJURY during SA/DV.

More than 1 in 5 women seeking care following abuse have reported living with at least one type of disability.

Abuse can include:
- Physical assault
- Any unwanted sexual act
- Verbal threats/abuse
- Emotional/Psychological abuse
- Neglect
- Financial/Material abuse
- Withholding access to information, medical equipment, communication devices, or medications
- Forced isolation from others
- Decision-making on behalf of the woman without her consent

Who can help:
- Your local Sexual Assault/ Domestic Violence Treatment Centre: http://www.sadvtreatmentcentres.ca
- Your local Sexual Assault Crisis Centre: http://www.sexualassaultsupport.ca
- The Assaulted Women's Helpline: 1-866-863-0511; TTY 1-866-863-7868
  http://www.awhl.org/
  http://www.femaid.ca/
- Kids Help Phone: 1-800-668-6868
- Your health care provider
- The police

For additional information and resources visit the website of the DisAbled Women’s Network of Ontario: http://dawn.thot.net/