Impact of Gender Role Perception and Sexual Dysfunction on Intimate Partner Violence

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Background

- An estimated 1.8 million women are physically assaulted by an intimate partner each year.

- 50 population-based studies performed in 35 countries indicated 10 to 52% of women physically abused by an intimate partner and 10 to 30% experienced sexual violence by an intimate partner.
Situation in Turkey

Rationale of the study

- Those women who used neither hormonal contraceptives nor condoms at last intercourse are more likely to be in violent relationships.

- Martin *et al* (1999) showed that unplanned pregnancies were significantly more common with the magnitude of the association being strongest for sexual abuse group.
Rationale of the study

- Sex role socialization has been strongly associated with family violence, through stereotypes of both genders.

- Hudson-Allez G. (1998) showed in a study that in erectile dysfunction cases the percentage of sexual dysfunction in female partner is about 60%. Within these families the percentage of marital conflict that needs treatment is about 40%.
Research Question

Does the perception of gender role and sexual dysfunction have an effect on intimate partner violence?
Objectives of the study

- **General Objective:**
  to research the impacts of gender role perception and sexual dysfunction as an underlying factor that contributes on intimate partner violence.

- **Specific objectives:**
  to identify the prevalence of intimate partner violence among couples attending for intended abortion the women’s health clinics in Istanbul;
  to examine the extent to which intimate partner violence is associated with perception of gender role and sexual dysfunction.
Study Model

Ecological Model for understanding violence

## Methodology

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<td>Couples attending the two Women’s Health Clinics for intended abortion</td>
<td><strong>Quantitative</strong>&lt;br&gt;Self-administered questionnaire will be given to the couples, male and female separately.</td>
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Intimate partner Violence: Includes the use of physical violence, sexual assault and/or emotional abuse or the use of threats or coercive acts against a woman by her current intimate partner who may be the husband, the cohabiting partner or the boyfriend.
Questionnaire

Section 1: Demographic
Section 2: Attitudes towards gender role
Section 3: Reproductive Health
Section 4: Sexual Health
Section 5: Experiences of partner violence [Only in women’s questionnaire with confidentiality assurance]
Section 6: Consultation acceptability for sexual health
Ethical Consideration

- Approval from ethical committee of the Hospitals.
- Participants will be informed thoroughly about the study and individual consent form will be obtained.
- Participation will be totally voluntary.
- Participants will have the right to stop the interview at any time or to skip any of the questions.
- Confidentiality will be assured.
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