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Forensic Medicine:

An Essential Dialogue between Health and
Justice for the Care of GBV patients



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GBV: a strategic priority for MdM

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GBV as a major public health problem, not a trend but a problem coming from the field !

Consequences of GBV:

- » High burden of mother&child mortality rate (unwanted and early pregnancies);
- » Circle of violence and poverty.



Benin: a first country experience

- » **What do the data tell ?** High prevalence of GBV against women and girls : 69% (Ministry of Family – 2009). Specific problem: GBV against girls in school: 43% of primary class students and 80% of secondary class students says they know girls who interrupt their school curricula because of SGBV.
- » **What does the government tell ?** Government of Benin has created GBV SOPs in 2014 (after voting a new law about prevention and repression of GBV in 2012).
- » **What does the field tell ?** Lack of knowledge within community, lack of knowledge and means in public health system, lack of legal instruments, lack of intersectoral communication → SOPs are only a piece of paper !



Benin: a first country experience

- » **Community level:** MdM raise community awareness (within disadvantaged communities and within primary and secondary schools).
- » **Care level:** MdM support holistic care for GBV victims (3 public integrated care centres for victims of GBV, 1 private integrated care center for minors mothers victims of GBV, link with other actors for medicine, justice, psychosocial, social and professional reinsertion).
- » **Advocacy level:** MdM support national authorities to better response to GBV by implementing the SOPs.



How to insure sustainability ?

- » **Sustainability?** Need to open up to education and justice sectors. Let's focus on justice..
- » Within the CIPEC, we face a bug as soon as justice and medical staff have to interact
> **the medical certificate is the crux of the problem !**
- » Only a true collaboration between health and justice systems could allow victims to
escape to the circle of violence !



Why to work with forensic medicine ?

- » **Need** to better define forensic medicine instrument.
- » **Need** to define who is going to be able to use these forensic medicine instruments (in a context of shortage of medical staff).
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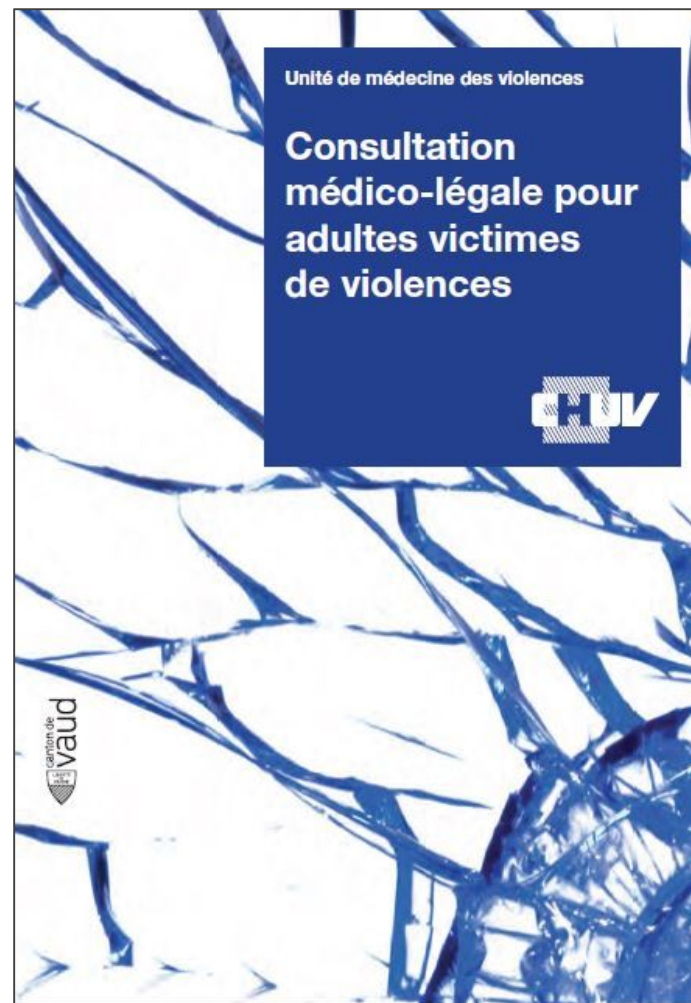
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Violence Medical Unit

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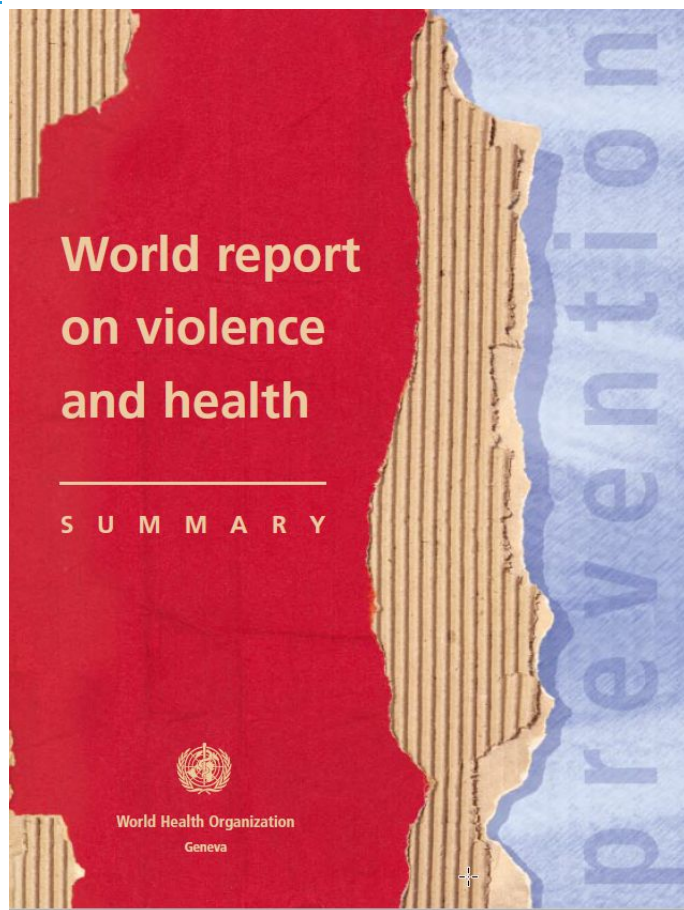


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Violence seriously harms health

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«By 2020, ... the incidence of violence should be reduced by at least 25% [...], including its consequences on health and mortality "»



From a medicolegal point of view

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- Injuries can confirm (or not) the alleged assault
- A medical report can constitute evidence of the violence sustained
- Medical doctors, or nurses at the VMU, are the only professionals who can accurately describe these injuries



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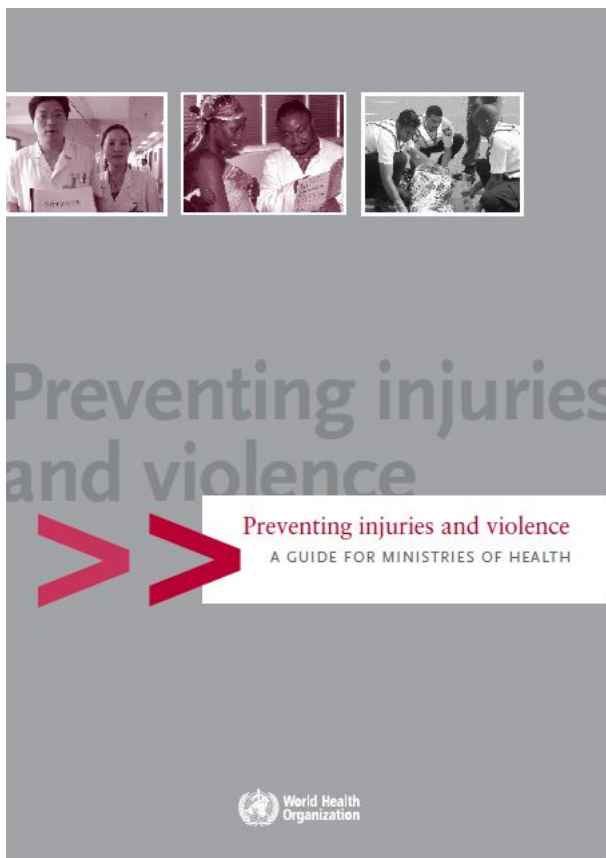


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5.3 REHABILITATION AND INTEGRATED SERVICES FOR VICTIMS

«These services fall into a number of fields beyond medical care, and include [...] **legal and forensic services.** In many countries, poor medico-legal care has had damaging consequences, including the renewed traumatization of the victim, and has compromised forensic evidence.»

WHO, Preventing injuries and violence: a guide for ministries of health, 2007

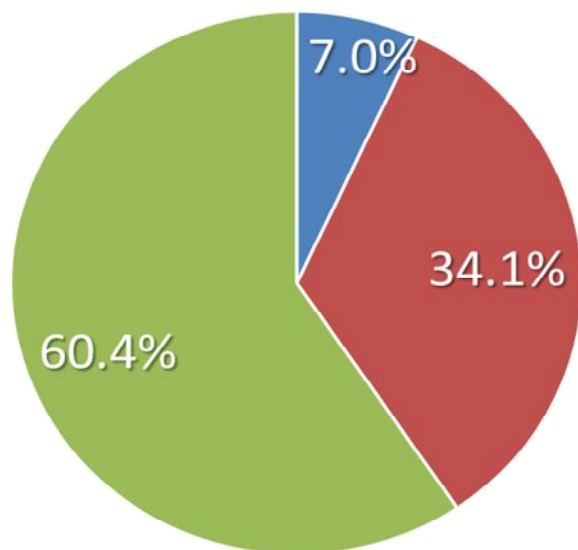


VMU 2017: 1028 consultations

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Types of violence

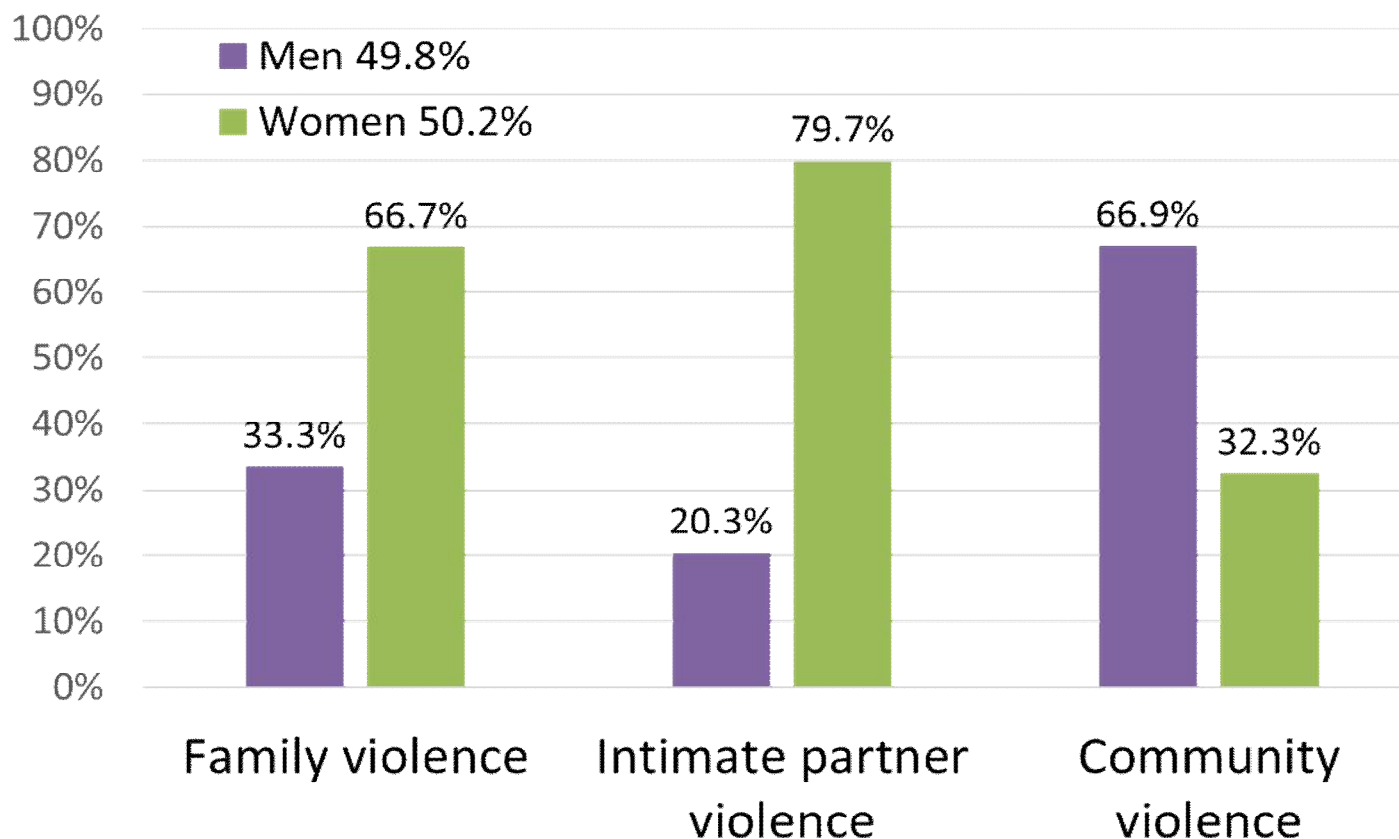


- Family violence
- Intimate partner violence
- Community violence



VMU 2017: as many women as men

Types of violence

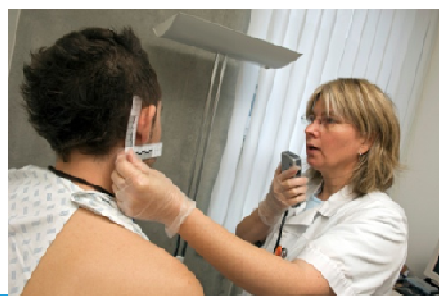




VMU: accessibility

Medicolegal consultations

- Free of charge for the patients
- Not mandated by a judicial authority
- Provided by nurses with specific training and with a supervision of forensic pathologists




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National stakeholders' workshop on the implementation of Standard Operational Procedures for prevention and multisector response to Gender-Based Violence in Benin Cotonou 18-19 December 2017



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**DIRECTION DE LA PROMOTION DE LA FEMME, DU GENRE
ET DES PERSONNES DU TROISIÈME AGE (DPFGTA)**

**Programme d'Autonomisation Economique
des Femmes et Promotion du Genre (PAEF-PG)**

Article 3 de la loi n°2011-26 du 09 Janvier 2012 portant prévention
et répression des violences faites aux femmes



Femme
En cas d'abus dans le couple, brise le silence!
dis "non" à l'intimidation de la femme.

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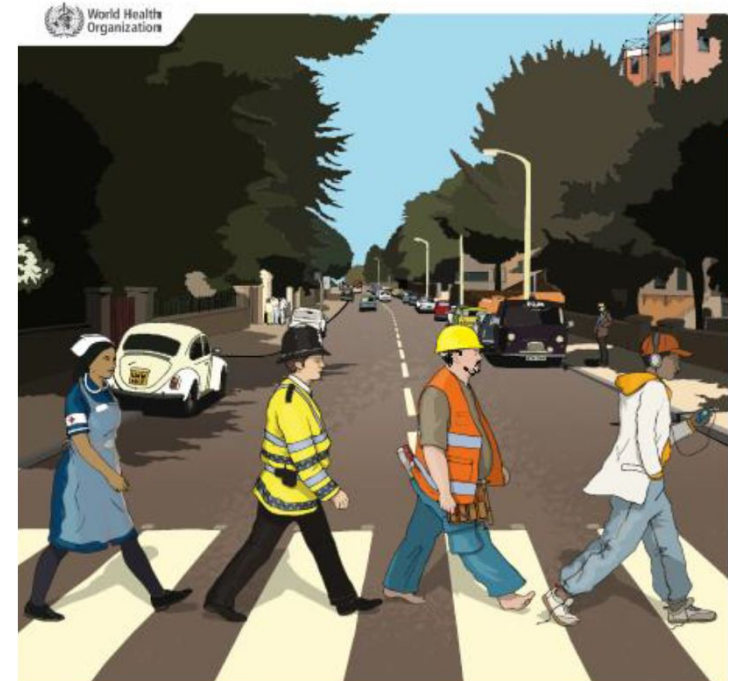


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3 topics

- Delegation of responsibilities to nurses
- Writing medicolegal reports
- Data collection



And recommendations



3 major and sensitive topics

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Medicolegal reports

- Are official documents
- Can constitute evidence
- Engage the legal responsibility of who signs it

Therefore,

- Formulation rules must be well known → MD's reluctance to write them

But,

- Source of income → MD's reluctance to delegate



- Medicolegal documentation contributes to the recognition of the victim as such.
- With this document, the medical doctor also shows the victims willingness to break the silence.



Source: <https://www.qub.ac.uk/sites/ECDV2015/>



Recommendations

1. Delegation of responsibilities to nurses : initiate the discussion
 - Legal issues
 - Nurses' training

Swiss Society of Legal Medicine, 2017:
working group on *Forensic nursing*





Recommendations

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2. Medicolegal reports

- Development of models
- Training of doctors in medicolegal examination and in medicolegal report writing

Switzerland : continuing education +++

**Violence au cabinet :
compétences indispensables pour
le médecin de premier recours**

Atelier B : constats et autres aspects médico-légaux

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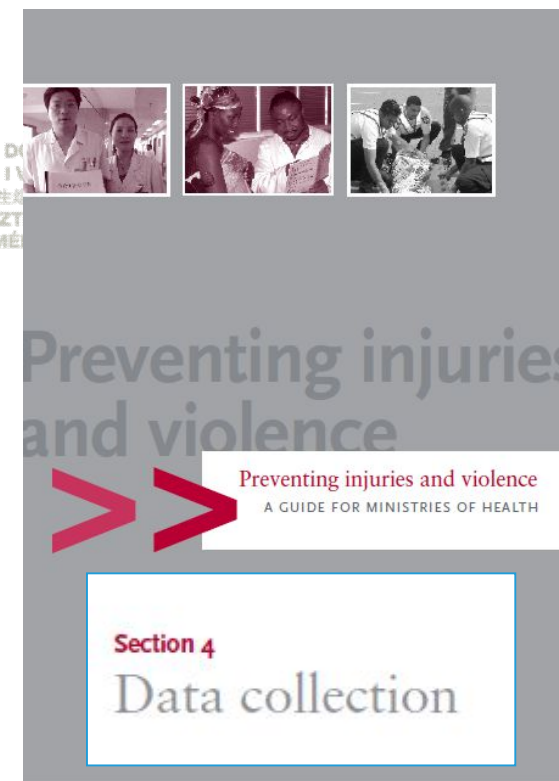
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Recommendations

3. Data collection

➤ Harmonization

➤ Centralization: Ministry of Social Welfare



Statistique policière de la criminalité (SPC)
Rapport annuel 2017 des infractions enregistrées par la police

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La violence domestique en chiffres
au niveau national

Violences sexuelles
envers des enfants
et des jeunes en Suisse

Formes, ampleur,
et circonstances du phénomène





Final words

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- Interpersonal violence is a complex problem and no discipline and no profession can respond alone
- In this field, clinical legal medicine has a key role to play
- In our canton, including nurses in the field of clinical legal medicine was a successful way to meet the needs of patients-victims (thanks to a strong political will)
- Switzerland and Benin share similar challenges. VMU will continue to collaborate with MDM in Benin. We are keen on sharing our 12 years of clinical experience with violence victims
- Our expertise regarding the essential dialogue between health and justice in the care of GBV patients might also be useful to MDM

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