ID: 572

Congress: The First International & 4th National Congress on health Education & Promotion, 2011

Title: Prevalence and associated factors of domestic violence against women in Ilam city


Abstract: Abstract

Introduction: Domestic violence, done usually by men is one of the negative concerns among families. As a social and human right and also as a health issue, it can threat health care system and structure of the society.

Even though domestic violence is a common problem and is seen in every society, the prevalence, severity and effects of domestic violence becomes more as much as community is poorer, less modern and less civilized. This study is a survey to determine the prevalence and effective factors of domestic violence among women who referred to health care centers of Ilam city.

Material and methods: This research is a descriptive-analytical study with subjects who were selected randomly. They included 366 women attending health centers of Ilam city during January to April 2009. 22 of them were removed from the study because of accidental attendance in centers or living separately from their husbands during the survey. 344 women remained in study as the final samples. The number of women selected from each health center was proportional to the size of the population served by that center.

Data was collected by standard standardized questioner by face to face interviews and analyzed by statistical tests and spss soft ware.

Result: The prevalence of general violence in women who studied was 62 percent consisted of physical quarrel: 33/8, emotional violence: 54/2, sexual violence: 23/7 percent. There was significant association between the prevalence of domestic violence and women education (p<0.03), the age of the husband and wife at marriage (p= 000), number of children (p< 0.3), women’s job (p< 0.01), educational level of spouse (p= 000) and the rate of husbands bounding to ethical principles (p<0.01).

Discussion: domestic violence has high prevalence in Ilam city due to different factors and variables. Preventing this unpleasant phenomenon and its terrible outcomes and complications need to serious measures and precautions

Key words: domestic violence, prevalence, health care centers

Presentation: Poster