Violence against women known as a kind of human rights violation in the whole world refers to any kind of behavior which arises from social gender inequality, threatens women’s physical health, causes long-term risks on their health, leads to compulsion and pressure in their social or private lives, and obstructs arbitrarily their freedom (1,2).

Violence, which is increasingly common in the world, is a social problem. The statistics on violence against women in France showed that 95% of the people who were subjected to violence were female and 55% of them were subjected to spouse violence. In the WHO violence and health report (2002), the rate of physical violence exposure in women ranged between 10-69% for the whole world, while this rate ranged between 25% -30% in Turkey (3). A research of violence against women in Turkey found the rate of physical violence exposure in women as 39% (4,5).

The report published by the WHO in 2013 indicates that 35% of women worldwide are exposed to either physical and/or sexual violence of intimate partner violence (spouse or cohabitant) or sexual violence of non-partner. However, some country surveys show that 70% of women have experienced physical and/or sexual violence from their partners throughout their lifetime. 38% of femicide in the world are committed by male spouses or cohabitants (6).

Women are victims of violence in every period of their lives. Since violence can occur in physical, emotional, verbal, sexual, and economic forms; it can cause different health problems. These include:

- Physical injuries (wound, bruise, fractures and so on),
- Psychological problems (depression, lack of self-confidence, feeling of guilty-embarrassment, rape trauma syndrome, and post-traumatic stress disorder)
- Reproductive health problems (unintended pregnancies and abortions, premature births, sexually transmitted diseases (HIV, Hepatitis), inability to access reproductive health services, maternal-infant mortality, and sexual dysfunctions)
- Negative health behaviors (substance use, excessive eating)
- Mortality and morbidity (7-11)

The medical staff, who encounter violence victimized women at first, have significant roles in documenting violence, reporting it to legal authorities, and also treating and caring of the victims. Nurses can be effective in significant roles in documenting violence, reporting it to legal authorities, and also treating and caring of the victims. Nurses can be effective in significant roles in documenting violence, reporting it to legal authorities, and also treating and caring of the victims. Nurses can be effective in significant roles in documenting violence, reporting it to legal authorities, and also treating and caring of the victims. Nurses can be effective in significant roles in documenting violence, reporting it to legal authorities, and also treating and caring of the victims. Nurses can be effective in significant roles in documenting violence, reporting it to legal authorities, and also treating and caring of the victims. 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