Gender Violence: Implications in Today's Dental Practice

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Summary
A case of partner violence is presented with high dental implications. The procedure to perform a legal dental evaluation request corresponding to a 23 year old complainant who account punch by someone who had been her boyfriend, then forgiving him jaw fracture judiciary.

While gender violence involves destruction, anger and pain, the family concept suggests love, commitment, tolerance, respect and work among others [1]. Domestic violence occurs at every family level, between husband and wife, relatives, siblings, partners, etc.

Domestic violence is deeply embedded in the lives of American families (Journals of multicultural Gender and Minority Studios Vol 3, Issue 1 2009). Unfortunately it can happen to anyone who has the misfortune to get involved with someone who seeks to maintain power and control over their partners or family [2]. One of the fundamental functions of any civilized society is the protection of its citizens from criminal victimization [3].

According to data from the Office of Domestic Violence of the Supreme Court of Justice of the Republic of Argentina, the statistic of May of this year yielded a statistic of 962 cases of violence, surpassing figures of the last three years [4]. Out of a total of 1,100 people affected by gender, in May 2015, 71% were women + 10% girls, making a total of 81%. 1. Source 1, 2

Source 1: Supreme Court of the Nation of the Republic of Argentina, Office of Gender Violence (OVG) Type of Violence Observed

Observed Level of Risk

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Dental Implication

City of La Plata, clinical inspection: edema at the level of the gonion on the left side. Panoramic x-ray: fracture of the lower jaw including eruption of a fracture line 38 (from the ridge to the basal) [2]. Medicated on hospital ward with Amoxicillin 500 mg, Metronidazole 500 mg and Ibuprofen 500 mg. Limited mouth opening, submandibular facial hematoma. Intraoral semilologic clinical examination: slight bony step in the left mandibular region and deflection in the opening towards the fractured side [1]. On examination Rx also shows a right mandibular body fracture [5].

Treatment

Intermaxillary block with elastic fixation. 8 mm wire ligation. We remember that trauma of this type, makes it impossible for the victim to carry out normal social or work activities for more than a month. Intermaxillary ligation treatments require special care with regard to the patient's feeding, which must be through liquid substances. It attaches to this, the correct impossibility of speech during the duration of the treatment [6].
Final Considerations

After 7 months of trauma, the victim presents resolution of the fractures described due to their dental treatment. The occlusion is within the parameters of normality [7]. Absence of pain, mouth opening without limitations, mandibular movements without limitations. Obviously, cases of violence are present in the times of today's society, completely altering not only aesthetic-functional but also a general psychological aspect. Although the resolution of the clinical case was satisfactory, it must be remembered that these cases negatively impact on their identity [8].

Reference


