

Intimate Partner Violence

Quick Facts for Advocates and HIV/AIDS Workers

- **12% of HIV/AIDS infections among women in romantic relationships are due to intimate partner violence.** (Sareen J., Pagura, B., Grant, B., *Is Intimate Partner Violence Associated With HIV Infection Among Women in the U.S.* published in Science Direct www.sciencedirect.com February 2009)
- **Women who experienced intimate partner violence were over 3 times more likely to have a diagnosis of HIV/AIDS.** (Sareen J., Pagura, B., Grant, B., *Is Intimate Partner Violence Associated With HIV Infection Among Women in the U.S.* published in Science Direct www.sciencedirect.com February 2009)
- **Women are more biologically vulnerable to contracting HIV/AIDS through heterosexual intercourse due to having a larger surface area of mucous membrane exposed during sex.** (Cambell, J., Baty, M., Ghandour, R., Stockman, J., Francisco, L., Wagmen, J., *The intersection of intimate partner violence against women and HIV/AIDS: a review.* Int J Inj Control Saf Promot 2008;23(12); 1694-712.)
- **Men who rape or are physically violent with partners are shown to have more sexual partners and more frequent intercourse (therefore are more at-risk of HIV/AIDS exposure).** (Dunkle, K., Jewkes, R., Nduna, et al *Connections between perpetration of partner violence and HIV risk behavior among young men in the rural Eastern Cape province of South Africa.* AIDS (in press) and Abrahams, N., Jewkes, R., Hoffman, M., Laubascher, R., *Sexual violence against intimate partners in Cape Town: prevalence and risk factors reported by men.* Bull World Health Organ 2004;82:330-37.
- **Safer sex practices are usually controlled by the batterer (negotiation is risky).** (Garcia-Moreno C., *Violence against women : its importance for HIV/AIDS.* AIDS 2000; 14(suppl 3):5253-65) and (Jewkes R., Levin j., Penn-Kenana L., *Gender inequalities, intimate partner violence and HIV preventative practices.* Soc Sci Med 2003;56:125-34)
- **HIV/AIDS infection might be elevated due to a compromised immune systems due to cumulative stress, depression, trauma, PTSD** (Leserman, J., *Role of Depression , Stress and Trauma in HIV disease progression,* Psychosom Med 2008; 70(5):539-45)
- **Risk factors among victims of intimate partner violence reveal an increased likelihood of a higher number of sexual partners (including forces partners).** (Jewkes, R., Dunkle. K., Nduna, M., Jama, N., Khuzwayo, N., Koss, M., Puren, A., Duvvury, N., *Factors associated with HIV sero-status in young rural South African women: connections between intimate partner violence and HIV,* 2006)



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