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## Power, the underlying psychosocial factor in sexual trauma.

### Background:

The reports on the adverse impact of sexual trauma on mental health are known to the medical community. In recent years we have encountered a significant increase in the reported cases of sexual trauma. In workplaces where power hierarchy is an essence for the organization, like the military, there has been a tsunami of reports on sexual trauma. Empathy plays a defining role in human relationships and development. An article recently written in connection with MeToo<sup>®</sup> movement discussed how gaining power in men correlates with the reduction in empathy. In this study, the association between power and sexual trauma was explored. We studied the prevalence of sexual assault caused by a higher rank serviceman among our women veterans' population. A retrospective chart review was conducted in Women Mental Health Clinic over 11 months period. A total of 117 charts were reviewed from 03/2019 to 02/2020. The information of 42 patients with sexual trauma were analyzed and various statistical parameters were calculated.

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