A clinical and epidemiological study of 86 cases on abused children  

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Abstract Objective To study the clinical and epidemiological manifestations on abused children, and to propose prevention strategies.

Methods Retrospective clinical study was carried out on 86 cases of abused children from 1998.1-1999.12.

Results The sex ratio of male to female was 0.76:1. Most cases were 3-16 years old. Abuse incidents were mostly seen in summer in winter were accounted for 32.56% and 33.72% respectively. Most abuses happened physically in 45.34% of cases. The predominant involved skin, and 30.23% were to the genitourinary system.

Mental abuses accounted for 24.41%. 14 cases resulted in death. The abuse cases were mostly due to ignorance or neglect. Conclusion The abused sites mostly involved skin and genitourinary system, and also caused harm to children's mental health, even causing deaths. Most abused children were female and had lower cultural background. Thus, we need to provide a sounding board on work on child abuse prevention.

Key words: Abuse, Child, Clinical manifestations, Epidemiology.
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