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Why sexual abuse?

"Why sexual abuse as topic of your dissertation?", is a question asked frequently. As an answer I often tell the anecdote of my urology training in Leiden.

While performing a rectal examination, a patient started screaming and shouted that I was raping him. When he calmed down, he told me that he was sexually abused as a teenager and during the examination he relived the abuse. I got interested in the subject of sexual abuse and wondered what the prevalence was of sexual abuse. Are patients with sexual abuse avoiding the urologist? Is the prevalence of sexual abuse in the urologic clinic lower than in general population?

Do the sexual abused patients develop certain symptoms? Do urologists see patients with a history of sexual abuse more often than other medical experts, like a dermatologist for example? Furthermore, do urologists ask their patients about sexual abuse history? Because, I didn't! Otherwise I would have taken precautions, before performing a rectal examination to the patient in the anecdote. I also wondered if some signs of sexual abuse are available, so an urologists can predict the chance of sexual abuse history and ask for it. Hardly any literature on this topic was found in literature related to urology. This in contrast to paediatricians and gynaecologists who did a lot of research on this topic of sexual abuse. Enough reasons for me to further explore this topic!

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