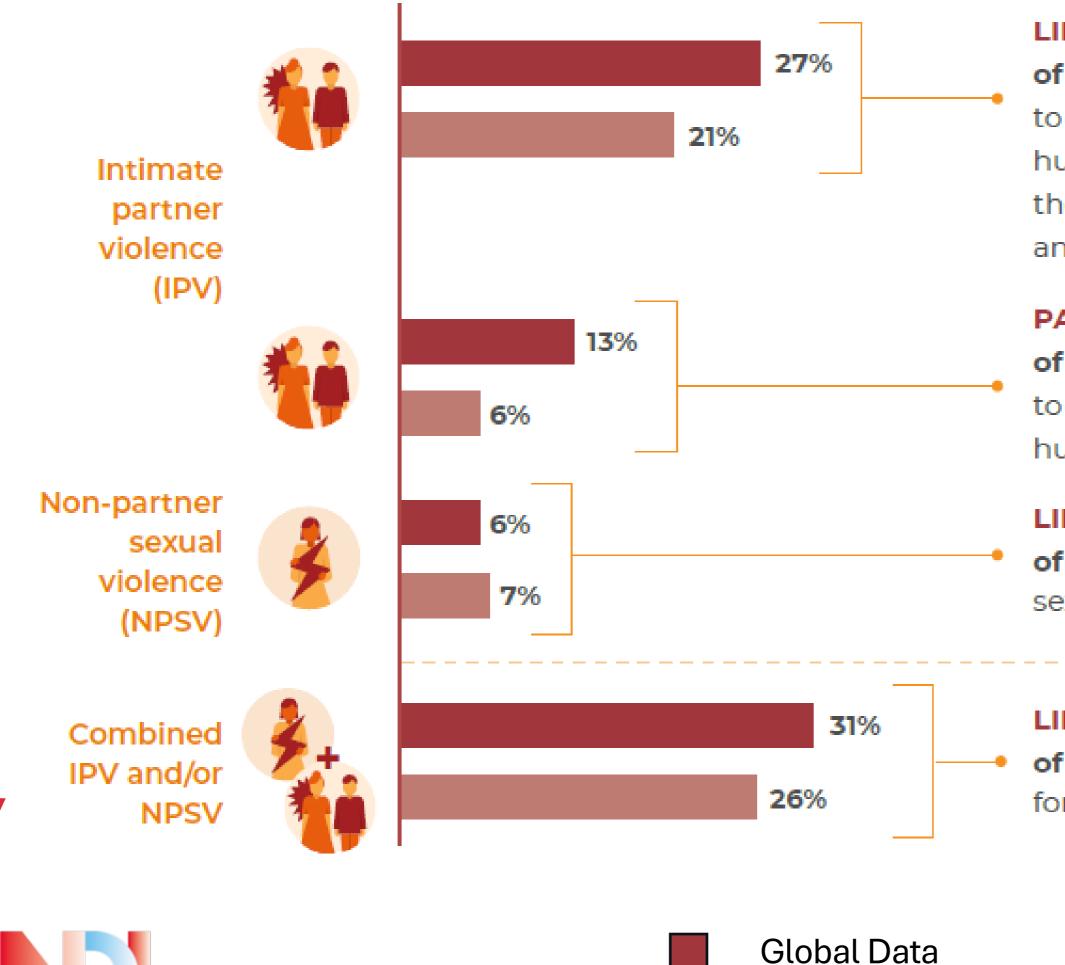


Project Dentists' Watch against Gender-Based Violence (GBV)

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the prevalence of GBV in Europe

In Europe 26% of women aged 15-49 report to have been target of gender-based violence at least once during their lifetime



LIFETIME PREVALENCE

of ever-married/partnered women aged 15-49 subjected to physical and/or sexual violence from a current or former husband or male partner at least once in their *lifetime* (since the age of 15). This works out to an average of 38 million women, and up to 45 million women, in this region.

PAST 12 MONTHS PREVALENCE

of ever-married/partnered women aged 15-49 subjected to physical and/or sexual violence from a current or former husband or male partner in the past 12 months.

LIFETIME PREVALENCE

of women aged 15 years and older subjected to non-partner sexual violence at least once in their lifetime (since the age of 15).

LIFETIME PREVALENCE

of women aged 15-49 subjected to one or both of these forms of violence at least once in their lifetime.

European Data





the prevalence of GBV

Moreover, data on the subject is particularly hard to gather:

- official statistics usually underrepresent violent dynamics, especially those happening within private spaces or inside the family;
- victims often fail to report violence to the authorities due to feelings of \bullet shame and powerlessness, often worrying not to escalate the situation.

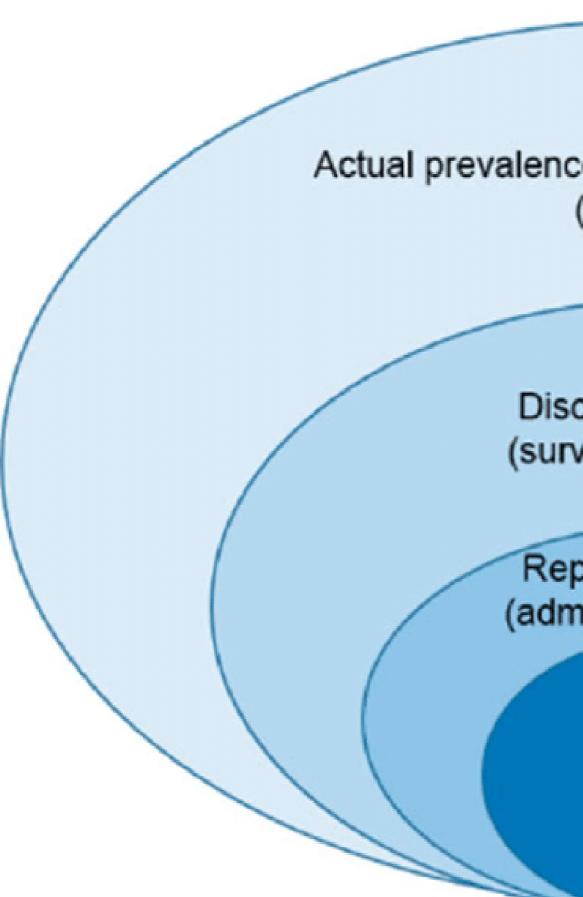






the prevalence of GBV

As a general rule, gender-based violence is ALWAYS underrepresented







Actual prevalence and incidence of violence (grey zone)

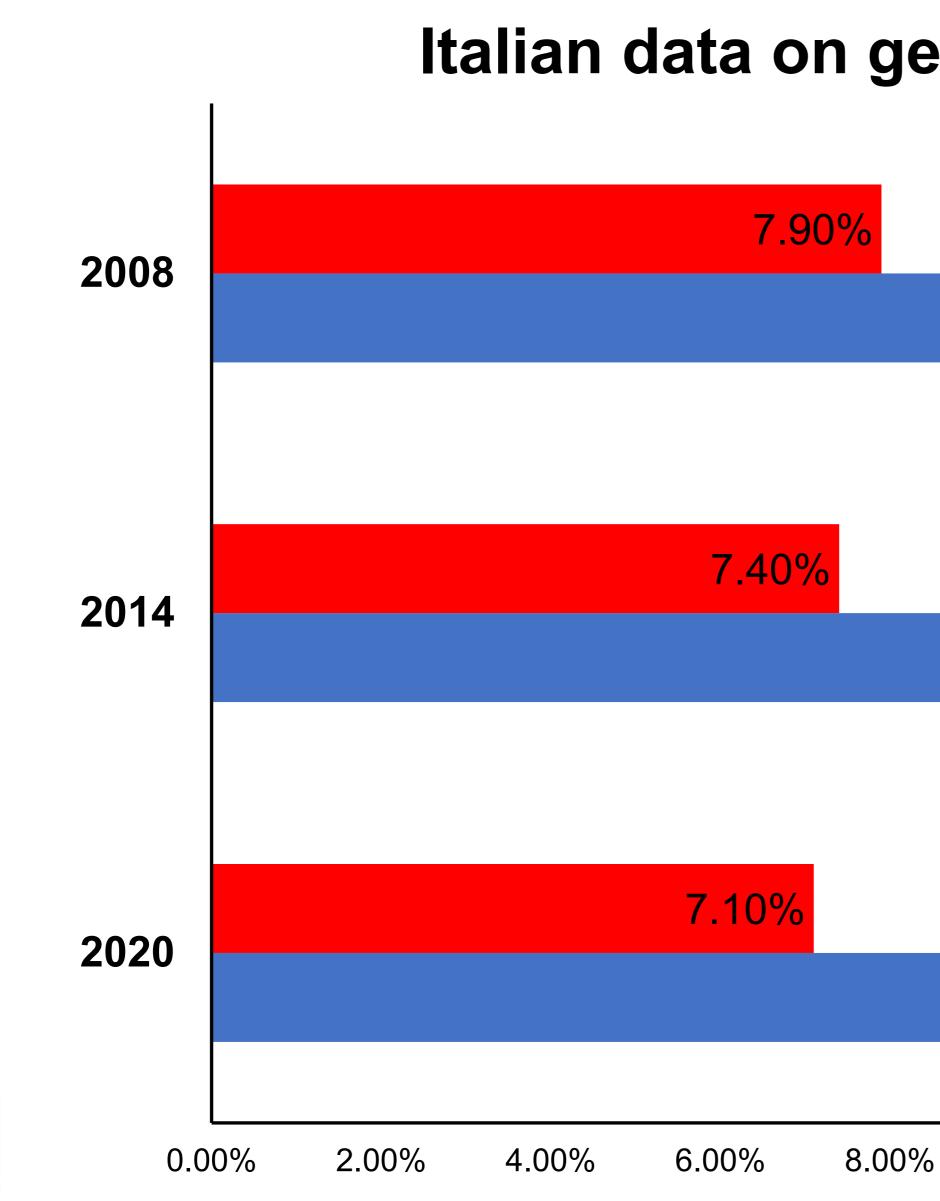
Disclosed violence (survey-based data)

Reported violence (administrative data)

Official statistics



the prevalence of GBV in Italy



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Italian data on gender-based violence

13.30%

11.50%

Physical Violence Sexual Abuse

10.40%

Women reporting to have been victim of genederbased violence at least once in their life.

Source: ISTAT, National Institute of Statistics



the scope of GBV project



The need for immediate action remains absolute







OBJECTIVES

- Raise the issue of gender-based violence,
- Support victims in reporting a condition of abuse,
- Advocate for viable solutions with national stakeholders,
- Train ANDI associates to guide GBV victims,
- Create safe spaces for GBV victims



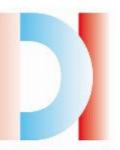
the GBV project







Engaging with the Issue



- counts about 28,000 associates
- covers 110 Italian provinces

COMMUNITY SERVICE



the GBV project

- CPD course "Dentists's Watch against domestic and gender-based violence" 1.
- National guidelines for dentists managing and reporting suspect trauma 2.
- In-person events presenting the project to relevant stakeholders 3.
- <u>Practical guide for citizens</u> that, feeling threatened, wish to report an abuse 4.







Knowledge against Violence

CPD course "Dentists' Watch against domestic and gender-based violence"

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

- To recognise the physical and psychological indicators of violence on patients
- To offer help to the victims



Responsabile scientifico: Rovera Angela





Knowledge against Violence

The course has been improved over the years and it is one of the most successful of ANDI lifelong learning initiatives.

Year	Title	Edition	Maximum number of participants	Final number of participants
2019	Dentists' Watch against domestic and gender-based violence	I	5000	3235
2020	Dentists' Watch against domestic and gender-based violence	Ι	5000	362
2021	Dentists' Watch against domestic and gender-based violence	П	2000	2000
2022	Dentists' Watch against domestic and gender-based violence	П	2000	1998
2023	Dentists' Watch against domestic and gender-based violence	П	2500	2339
2024	Dentists' Watch against domestic and gender-based violence		3000	1197 (June '24)



All ANDI associates may access and complete this course for free.

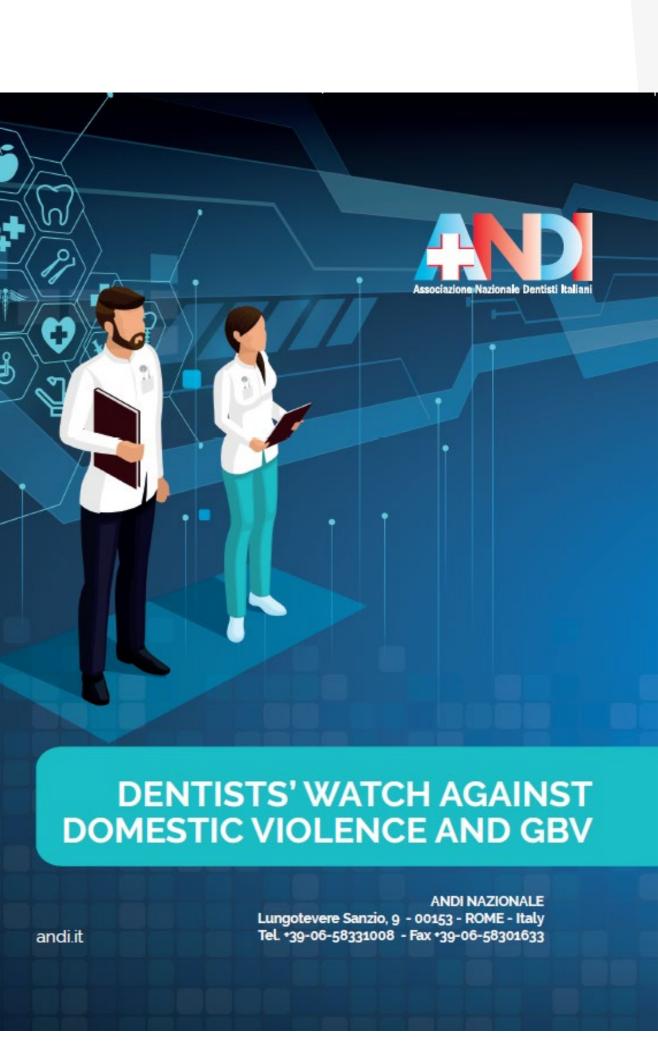


Dentists and Patients against GBV

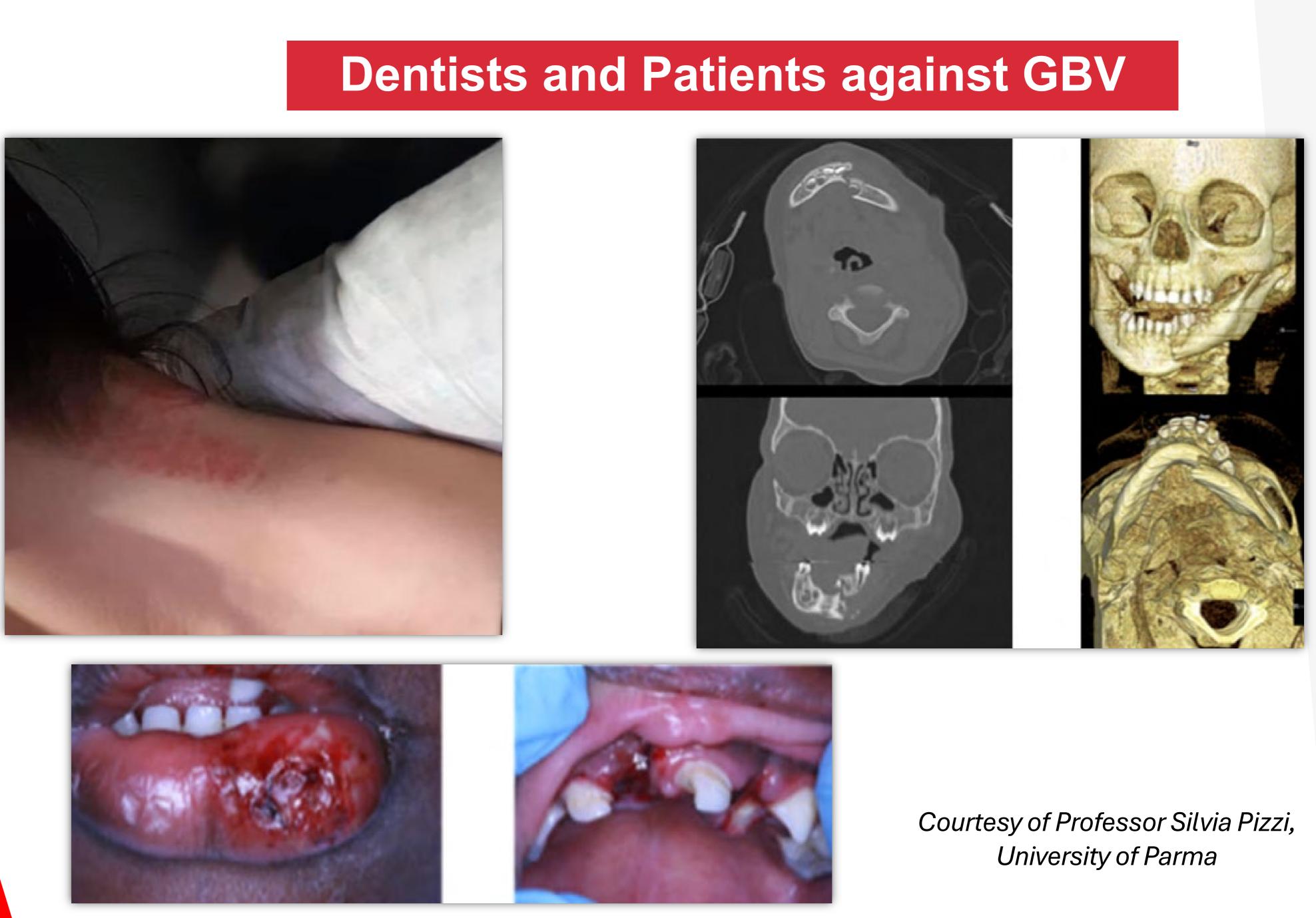
NATIONAL GUIDELINES FOR MANAGING AND **REPORTING SUSPECT TRAUMA :**

- Recognise dental trauma implying domestic violence;
- Extend the examination to the neck and head of suspected victims;
- Collect data and evidence concerning suspected case of GBV;
- Provide victims of GBV with support and information;
 - Issue accurate medical certification for suspected injuries.













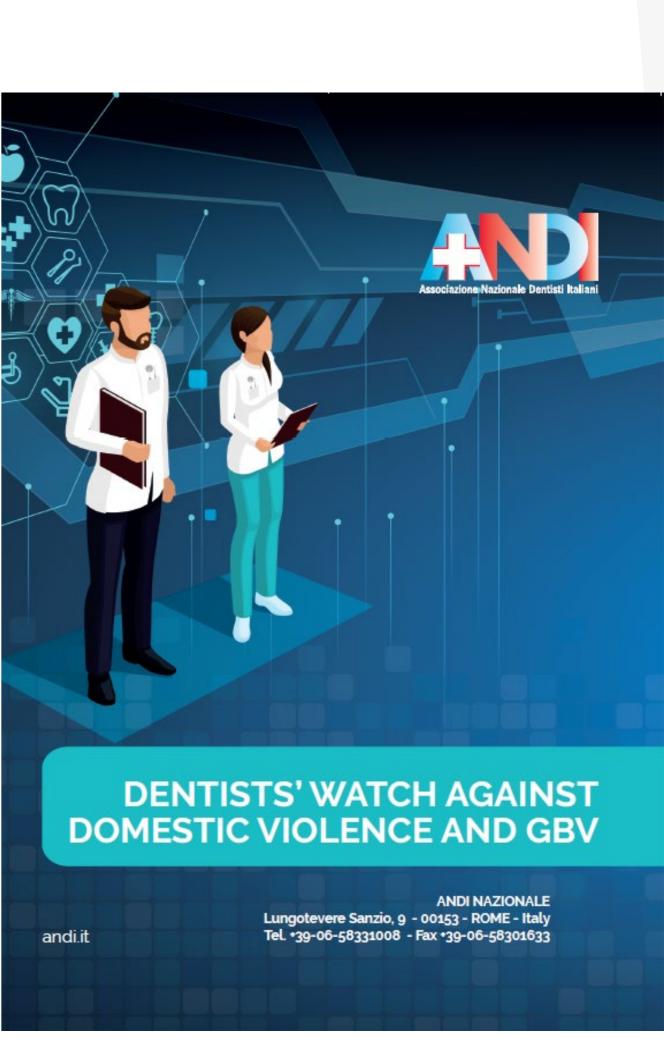




The project engages also with citizens, advising on the importance of getting help and reporting the abuse to competent authorities.



Dentists and Patients against GBV

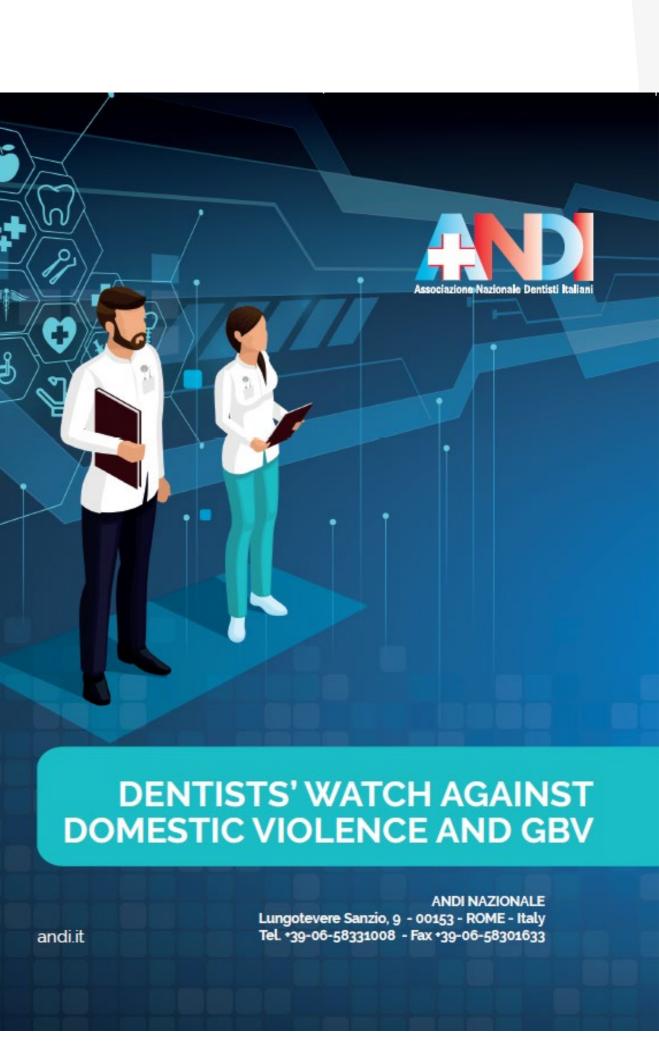


Dentists and Patients against GBV

PRACTICAL GUIDE FOR CITIZENS THAT, FEELING THREATENED, WISH TO REPORT AN ABUSE

- Provide information on the relevant authorities for managing cases of GBV;
- Offer guidance on organizations that provide safe spaces for GBV victims;
- Emphasise the role of community doctors and dentists in handling GBV cases.



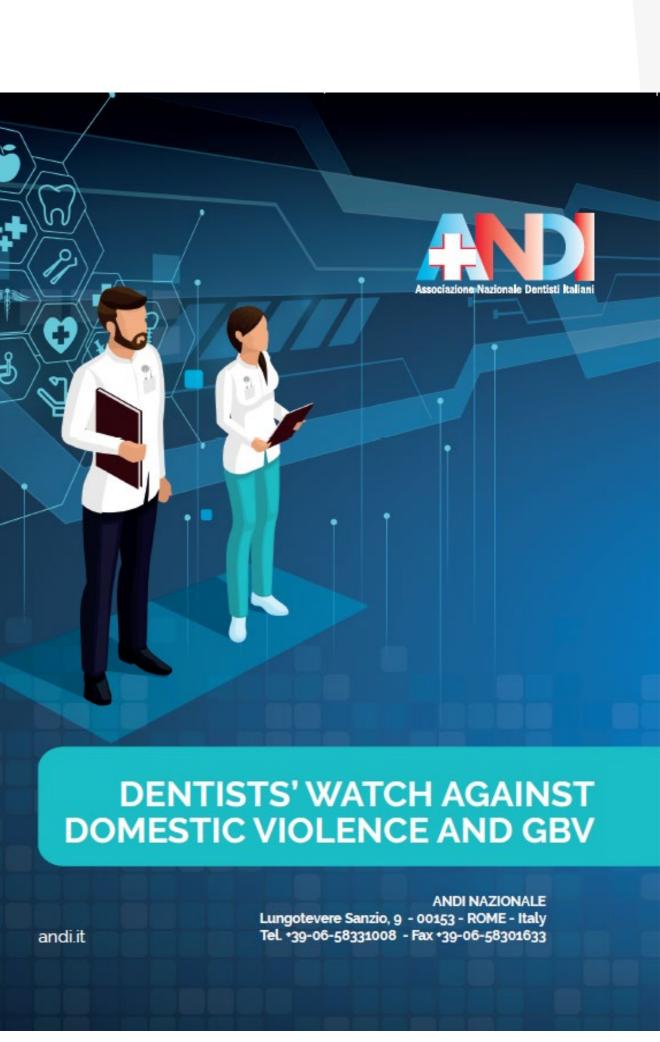




To ease the communication with international partners, the contents of both guidelines have been summarised in the English version handed to you!



Dentists and Patients against GBV





Víolence against women in all its forms is a human rights violation. It's something that no culture, religion or tradition propagates.

Míchelle Bachelet, UN Hígh Commíssíoner for Human Ríghts



