Abstract

Domestic violence is a pattern of violent behaviour including physical, sexual and psychological attacks as well as economic coercion used against intimate partner. This study is aimed at creating awareness of the dental implications of domestic violence against women in Nigeria, to demonstrate that Dental professionals are in the position to recognize such abuse so that early identification, appropriate intervention and long-term solutions can be provided. Clinical data were collected on 538 female adult attendants in a private clinic in Benin City for a period of 2 ½ years and analysed by Microsoft excel package. A total of 538 female studied for domestic violence, 13 or 2.28% suffered physical assault from their partners.