Let’s Talk about Sexual Violence
Agenda

1. Statistics
2. Patient-Centered Appointments
3. Video One: How to Have the Conversation
4. Video Two: Kecia Meets with her Doctor
5. Reporting
6. Resources
Most of the time they know their offender
Report crime less frequently
Their disability can make it difficult to report
Reporting and investigation is often delayed

Disability Rights California
50% of all violence against persons with disabilities occurs against victims with multiple disabilities, including:

- 68% rapes/sexual assaults
- 56% aggravated assaults
- 50% simple assaults
- 37% robberies

National Center for Victims of Crime
70% of all abuse cases against adults with disabilities go unreported

https://www.dhs.state.or.us/caf/dv/final_DV.ppt
From 2009 to 2013 rates of assault against persons with disabilities rose.

- In 2013 violent crimes were **3 times higher** for persons with disabilities
- In 2013 rates of violent victimization were higher for people with cognitive disabilities than other disabilities


People with disabilities are abused at a higher rate: DOJ Victims of Crime 2015

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Patient Centered Appointments

Foster Relationships

Collaborative Decision-Making

Teach Back

Respond to Patients Emotions

Patient Centered
Patient Centered Appointments

BASIC SKILLS:

Listen
Respond to emotion
Pause
Check for understanding
Video One

Look for signs of sexual assault

How to Have the Conversation

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Kecia Meets with her Doctor
Health care professionals

- Are often mandated to report when they suspect sexual abuse or violence
- Are protected from liability (civil and criminal)
- Are protected against retaliation by an employer
- Do not need to prove abuse

Center for Prevention of Abuse.org
Victim Resources

RAINN (Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network)
1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

Victim Connect (National Hotline for Crime Victims)
1-855-484-2846

National Domestic Violence Hotline (The Hotline.org)
1-800-799-7233

Public Service Video: YouTube
Abuse of People with Disabilities: A Silent Epidemic

The Arc’s National Center on Criminal Justice & Disability®
Pathways to Justice® training and resources for victims with disabilities
NCCJDpathwaystojustice.org
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