EXPERIENCES OF INAPPROPRIATE, DISRESPECTFUL OR COERCIVE (IDC) HEALTH CARE: A STUDY OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

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**METHODS**
- Surveyed students at one public university about their healthcare experiences.
- Queried about experiences with sensitive exams (breast, genitals, or rectum).
- Respondents had the opportunity to provide comments on their experiences.

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- Spoke to students about their healthcare experiences.
- Recorded incidents of inappropriate, disrespectful, or coercive care.

**BACKGROUND**

- There have been multiple high profile cases of sexual misconduct by physicians with college student patients.
- We have little data on the sensitive exam experiences of university students.

**RESULTS**

**Sensitivity Exam Experiences of Female and Trans-Male University Students N=1873**

- **98%** provider made sure they understood care & accommodated needs
- **52%** felt judged about sexual behavior
- **42%** experienced sexist comments
- **3%** reported unwanted advances
- **0.9%** experienced personal phone calls
- **1.7%** reported their provider did not use gloves during a sensitive exam
- **62%** stated they do not know how to report a concern about a provider

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**CONCLUSIONS**

- University students are vulnerable to IDC healthcare experiences.
- Use best practices when performing sensitive exams.
- Must improve health professional education, including robust training in cultural safety, professionalism, and trauma-informed care.
- Must create transparent and accessible reporting mechanisms for patients and providers to report inappropriate, disrespectful or coercive care.

**CITATIONS**