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## **Violence against women and children: the "Code Pink"**

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"Code Pink" is a recent project of the Region of Tuscany (Italy) for fighting violence against women and children.

For this purpose, multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary task forces (doctors, nurses, psychologists, social workers, judges, police) were set up in order to ensure welcome, care and assistance to women and children who have suffered violence and to bring to justice perpetrators of crimes.

The project foresees starting up, in case of ascertained or suspected violence, a protected care pathway that guarantees to the victim the maximum privacy, and physical and mental integrity. In the premises of hospital emergency department is predisposed a "Pink Room" (not recognizable as such for reasons of confidentiality), that is an outpatient that allows a visit reserved for checks and medical advice. In the room there are a kit for biological tests, an equipment for photographic evidence, medical records and IT support. In some specific cases or at the request of the victim, the police personnel can access in order to allow victims to complain directly on site. With the activation of the "Code Pink", operators of the emergency department are prepared to welcome the cases of violence, but also to recognize suspected cases in multiple access, often disguised as slips on wet floors and distractions.

The taking into care has as its purpose:

- the protection of the victim, within a context in which the necessary measures to support and both physical and psychological care can be activated without any pressure
- evaluation and treatment through the integration of social, medical, psychological and educational skills taking into account the extent of

the physical and psychological damage, the factors that led to the acts prejudicial and the diagnosis of recoverability and the prognosis of change;

- psychosocial support for strengthening personal skills and self-esteem and guidance of the victim to get out of the spiral of abuse
- eventual financial aid and finding housing and work solution

The recovery of the woman depends on the ability to be autonomous and self-determined. Despite the sharp discomfort, if properly supported, the victim may find herself the ability to deal with the path of "care". It need achieve integration between to cure and to care for a complete therapeutic effect.

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