## EXPERIENCES OF INAPPROPRIATE, DISRESPECTFUL OR COERCIVE

(IDC) HEALTH CARE: A STUDY OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Hess, A., Loder, C. M., Kalpakjian, C., Munro-Kramer, M., Ernst, S.



### **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.

### **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.



**personal** phone calls

# RESULTS

2495 female and trans-male respondents

reported their provider did not use

**gloves** during a sensitive exam



3% reported

unwanted advances



report a concern about a provider

**75%** 

### Sensitive Exam Experiences of Female and Trans-Male University Students N=1873



**50%** 

### 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

Kerr, G., Battaglia, A., & Stirling, A. (2019). Maltreatment in Youth Sport: A Systemic Issue. Kinesiology Review, 8(3), 237–243. https://doi.org/10.1123/kr.2019-0016