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## *List of Abbreviations*

<b>Abbreviation</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>AS</b>	Academy of Sciences
<b>CAN</b>	Child Abuse and Neglect
<b>CAPTA</b>	Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act
<b>CDC</b>	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
<b>CPS</b>	Child Protective Services
<b>CSA</b>	Child Sexual Abuse
<b>CWIG</b>	Child Welfare Information Gateway
<b>DHHS</b>	Department of Health and Human Services
<b>DLTCRP</b>	The Division of Long-Term Care Resident Protection
<b>ICAN</b>	International Child Abuse Network
<b>IM</b>	Institute of Medicine
<b>NCANDS</b>	National Child Abuse and Neglect Data System
<b>NCCPR</b>	National Coalition for Child Protection Reform
<b>NCPCA</b>	National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse
<b>PHCS</b>	Pediatric Health Care settings
<b>PTSD</b>	Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
<b>USGAO</b>	United States Government Accountability Office
<b>WHO</b>	World Health Organization

## *Abstract*

This study **Aimed to:** Assess the children's patterns of abuse in pediatric health care settings. **Subjects and Methods:** A descriptive design was adapted at both outpatient and in-patient pediatric departments (Medicine, surgery and critical care units) at children's hospital affiliated to Ain Shams University Hospitals. The study included 100 children and 100 nurses. **Tools** of the study involved a pre-designed questionnaire to assess the children and nurses characteristics and knowledge about child abuse. Psychometric assessment to measure the psychological problems of the abused children. Physical assessment sheet to assess patterns of child abuse in pediatric health care settings: (physical, verbal, neglect and maltreatment). **Result:** It was clear that there was a highly statistical significant difference between the studied children characteristics (age, gender, residence, educational level and ranking) and their patterns of abuse (verbal, neglect and physical). While there was no statistical significant difference was found between the children's gender and educational level and sexual abuse. It was clear that more than two thirds of the studied children (76%) had poor total knowledge regarding patterns of child abuse in pediatric health care settings, more than half of children, (51% and 52%), had moderate self esteem and physical aggression respectively. **Conclusion:** The patterns of abuse in pediatric health care settings were physical, verbal, neglect and sexual. **Recommendations:** Emphasize the importance of keeping children in health care settings, supported, protected and supervised and Prevent any pattern of abuse by maintain children's security through educational, social, and religious programs.

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**Key words:** children, child abuse, nurse, hospital, caregivers, pediatric, Health care settings.