

# **CHAMP Quarterly Educational Case Review    December 3, 2009**

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### **Pt AW, Age 12 years**

#### **Case Presentation**

AW was seen at this CAC on 2 different occasions. She was first at the CAC in 2005 when she was 12 years old. At that time she disclosed sexual abuse by her paternal uncle that occurred when she went to reside in Jamaica, West Indies, for one year. She reported pain and vaginal bleeding when she was vaginally penetrated. Her examination was significant for a full-thickness tear at the 7 o'clock position on the hymen. It was well healed and undateable. She reported not being sexually active at that time.

AW was seen again at the CAC in September 2009 at the age of 16. She had been living in a group home for some time. She was in the home due to gang involvement and aggressive behavior in her home. She disclosed from the ages of 12 –14 she was sexually abused by her stepfather.

The case is of interest because of her sexual orientation. She disclosed that she is a lesbian and stated that her dislike for men came as a result of her sexual abuse by her uncle and her stepfather.

#### **Key Learning Points**

1. Does sex abuse lead to same-sex relationships?
2. Significant hymenal finding.
3. Is there more research to be done in the area of abuse and same-sex relationships?

#### **Literature Review**

Wilson, H and Widom, C. Does physical abuse, sexual abuse, or neglect in childhood increase the likelihood of same-sex sexual relationships and cohabitation? A prospective 30-year follow-up. *Archive of Sexual Behavior*, January 7, 2009, (online).

This study found that childhood physical abuse and neglect were not significantly associated with same-sex cohabitation or sexual partners. Individuals with documented histories of childhood sex abuse were significantly more likely than controls to report ever having had same-sex relationships.