

# **Trends in the prevalence of child sexual abuse, problems in definitions and measurement, and challenges for research, policy, law and treatment**

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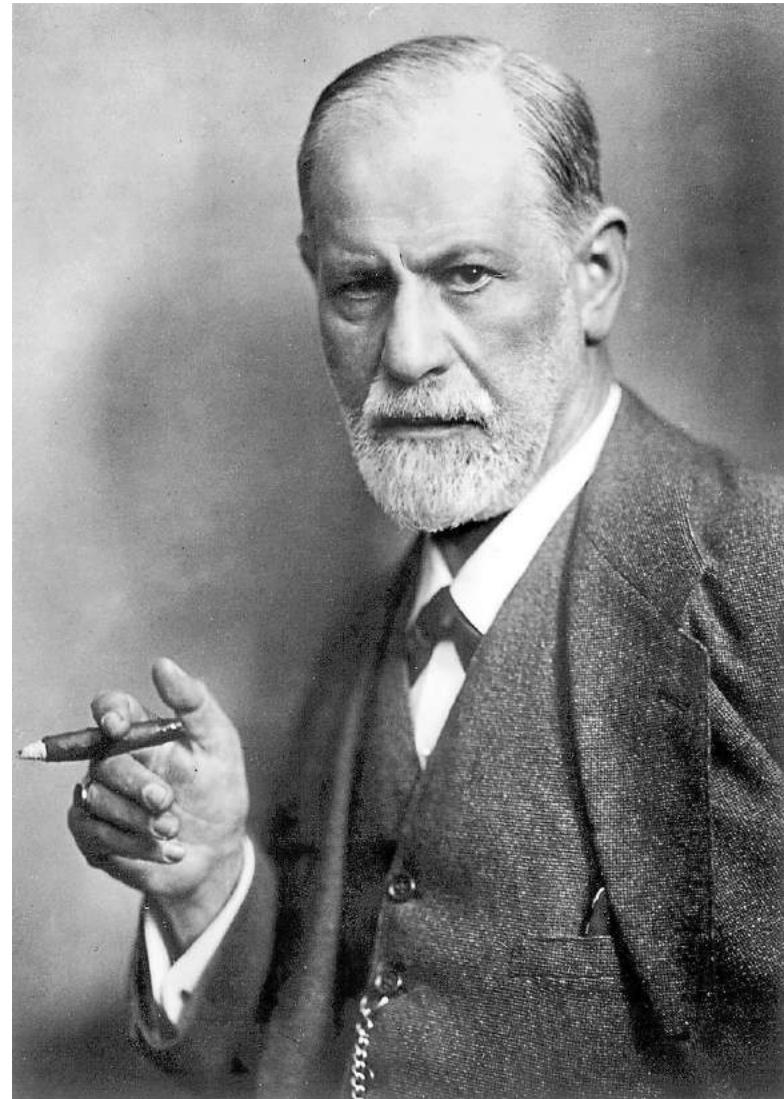






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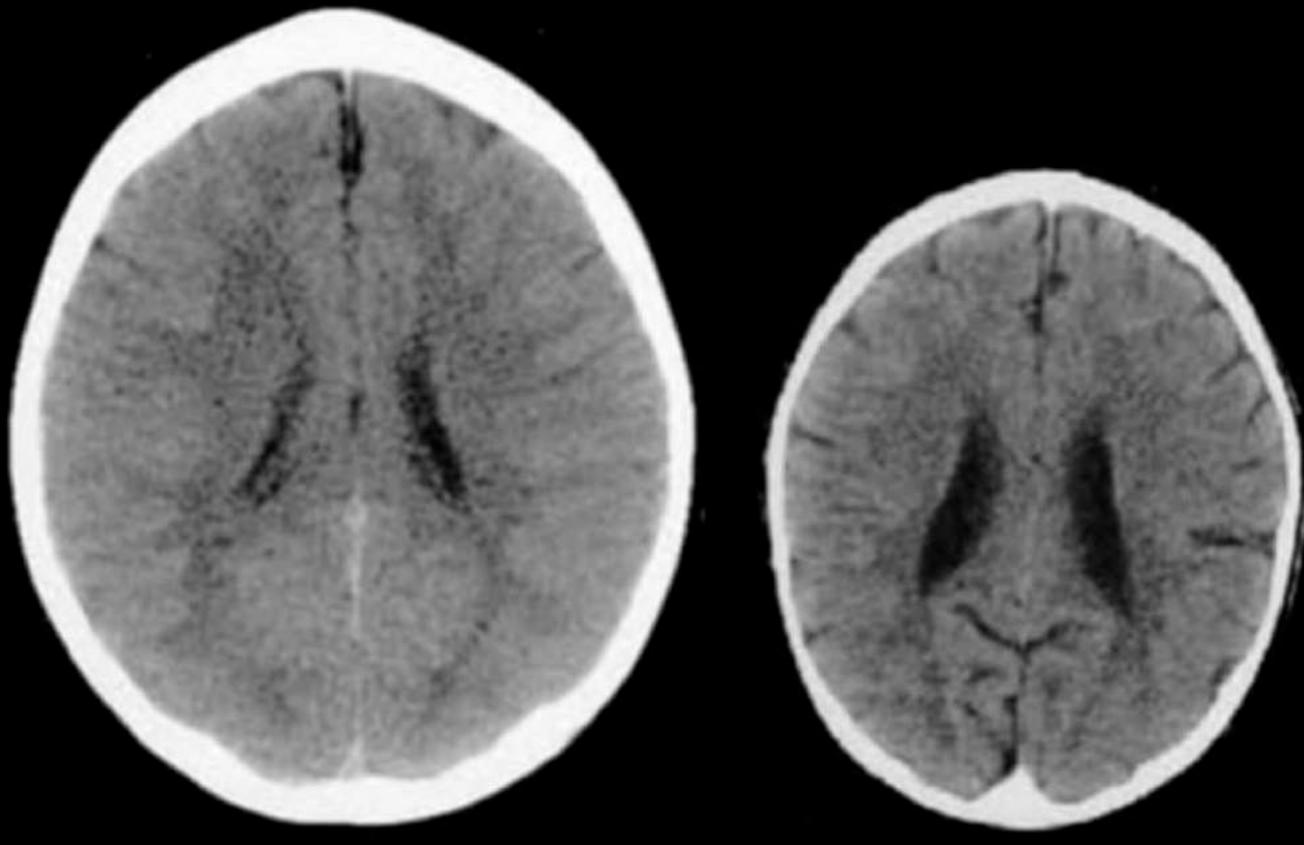




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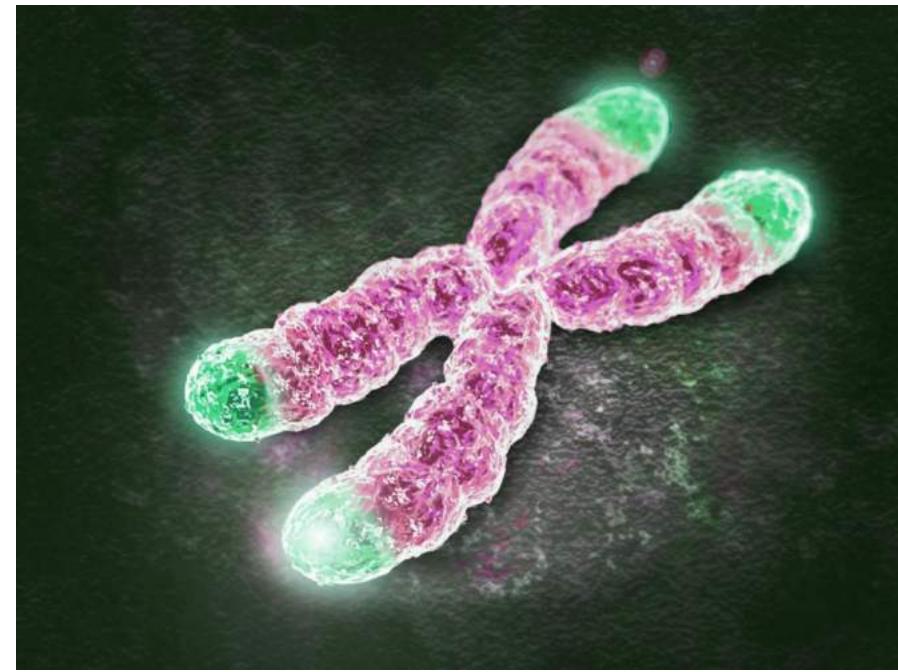


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Extreme Neglect





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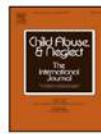






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## ISPCAN Child Abuse Screening Tool Children's Version (ICAST-C): Instrument development and multi-national pilot testing\*

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## The impact of adverse childhood experiences on health problems: evidence from four birth cohorts dating back to 1900

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### Abstract

**Background.** We examined the relationship of the number of adverse childhood experiences (ACE score) to six health problems among four successive birth cohorts dating back to 1900 to assess the strength and consistency of these relationships in face of secular influences

## Measuring poly-victimization using the Juvenile Victimization Questionnaire\*

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# Child Sexual Abuse: Toward a Conceptual Model and Definition

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## Abstract

The problem of defining “child sexual abuse” (CSA), and the need to define this concept, has been recognized by major policy bodies and leading researchers since the 1970s. Recent demands for a more theoretically robust, explicit definition of CSA show this challenge remains urgent. In this article, we identify problems caused by variance in definitions of CSA for five domains: research and knowledge formation, legal frameworks and principles, prevention efforts, policy responses, and the establishment of social norms. We review and analyze definitions used in leading international epidemiological studies, national and international policy documents, social science literature, and legal systems in the United States, Canada, and Australia to demonstrate the continuing use of different concepts of CSA and identify key areas of conceptual disagreement. Informed by our literature review, we use a methodology of conceptual analysis to develop a conceptual model of CSA. The purpose of this model is to propose a

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