

# Chronic Pain in Adult Survivors of Childhood Abuse

***Kathleen Kendall-Tackett, Ph.D.***  
***Family Research Lab***  
***126 Horton Social Science Center, 20 College Rd.***  
***University of New Hampshire***  
***Durham, NH 03824***  
***(603) 428-8215***  
***[kkendallt@aol.com](mailto:kkendallt@aol.com)***  
***[www.GraniteScientific.com](http://www.GraniteScientific.com)***

- Crofford, L.J., Pillemer, S.R., Kalogeras, K.T., Cash, J.M., Michelson, D., Kling, M.A., Sternberg, E.M., Gold, P.W., Chrousos, G.P., & Wilder, R.L. (1994). Hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis perturbation in patients with fibromyalgia. *Arthritis and Rheumatism, 11*, 1583-1592.
- Drossman, D.A., Li, Z., Leserman, J., Toomey, T.C., & Hu, Y.J.B. (1996). Health status by gastrointestinal diagnosis and abuse history. *Gastroenterology, 110*, 999-1007.
- Finestone, H.M., Stenn, P., Davies, F., Stalker, C., Fry, R., & Koumanis, J. (2000). Chronic pain and health care utilization in women with a history of childhood sexual abuse. *Child Abuse and Neglect, 24*, 547-556.
- Gershon, M.D. (1998). *The second brain*. New York: Harper.
- Golding, J.M. (1999). Sexual assault history and headache: Five general population studies. *The Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease, 187*, 624-629.
- Harrop-Griffiths, J., Katon, W., Walker, E., Holm, L., Russo, J., & Hickok, L. (1988). The association between chronic pelvic pain, psychiatric diagnoses, and childhood sexual abuse. *Obstetrics and Gynecology, 71*, 589-593.
- Kendall-Tackett, K.A. (2003). *Treating the lifetime health effects of childhood victimization: A guide for mental health, medical and social service professionals*. New York: Civic Research Institute.
- Kendall-Tackett, K.A. (Ed.) (2003). *Health consequences of abuse in the family: A clinical guide*. Division of Health Psychology, American Psychological Association.
- Kendall-Tackett, K.A. (2001). Chronic pain: The next frontier in child maltreatment research. *Child Abuse & Neglect, 25*, 997-1000.
- Kendall-Tackett, K.A., & Becker-Blease, K. (2004). The importance of retrospective findings in child maltreatment research. *Child Abuse & Neglect, 28*, 723-727.
- Kendall-Tackett, K.A., Marshall, R., & Ness, K.E. (2000). Victimization, healthcare use, and health maintenance. *Family Violence & Sexual Assault Bulletin, 16*, 18-21.

- Kendall-Tackett, K.A., Marshall, R., & Ness, K.E. (2003). Chronic pain syndromes and violence against women. *Women and Therapy, 26*, 45-56.
- Leserman, J., Drossman, D.A., Li, Z., Toomey, T.C., Nachman, G., & Glogau, L. (1996). Sexual and physical abuse history in gastroenterology practice: How types of abuse impact health status. *Psychosomatic Medicine, 58*, 4-15.
- McBeth, J., MacFarlane, G.J., Benjamin, S., Morris, S., & Silman, A.J. (1999). The association between tender points, psychological distress, and adverse childhood experiences: A community-based sample. *Arthritis and Rheumatism, 42*, 1397-1404.
- Meagher, M. (2003). Links between traumatic family violence and chronic pain: Biopsychosocial pathways and treatment implications. In K.A. Kendall-Tackett (Ed.) *Health consequences of abuse in the family: A clinical guide*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.
- Mountz, J.M., Bradley, L.A., Modell, J.G., Alexander, R.W., Triana-Alexander, M., Aaron, L.A., Stewart, K.E., Alarcon, G.S., & Mountz, J.D. (1995). Fibromyalgia in women: Abnormalities of regional cerebral blood flow in the thalamus and the caudate nucleus are associated with low pain threshold levels. *Arthritis and Rheumatism, 7*, 926-938.
- Munakata, J., Naliboff, B., Harraf, F., Kodner, A., Lembo, T., Chang, L., Silverman, D.H.S., & Mayer, E. (1997). Repetitive sigmoid stimulation induces rectal hyperalgesia in patients with irritable bowel syndrome. *Gastroenterology, 112*, 55-63.
- Raphael, K.G., Widom, C.S., & Lange, G. (2001). Childhood victimization and pain in adulthood: A prospective investigation. *Pain, 92*, 283-293.
- Roizenblatt, S., Moldofsky, H., Benedito-Silva, A.A., & Tufik, S. (2001). Alpha sleep characteristics in fibromyalgia. *Arthritis and Rheumatism, 44*, 222-230.
- Russell, I.J., Orr, M.D., Littman, B., Vipraio, G.A., Alboukrek, D., Michalek, J.E., Lopez, Y., & MacKillip, F. (1994). Elevated cerebrospinal fluid levels of substance P in patients with the fibromyalgia syndrome. *Arthritis and Rheumatism, 37*, 1593-1601.
- Sachs-Ericsson, N., Kendall-Tackett, K.A., & Hernandez, A. (under review). Childhood abuse, pain and depression in the National Comorbidity Study.
- Scarinci, I.C., McDonald-Haile, J., Bradley, L.A., & Richter, J.E. (1994). Altered pain perception and psychosocial features among women with gastrointestinal disorders and history of abuse: A preliminary model. *American Journal of Medicine, 97*, 108-118.

- Schofferman, J., Anderson, D., Hinds, R., Smith, G., & White, A. (1992). Childhood psychological trauma correlates with unsuccessful lumbar spine surgery. *Spine*, *17*, S1381-S1384.
- Teegen, F. (1999). Childhood sexual abuse and long-term sequelae. In A. Maercker, M. Schutzwohl, & Z. Solomon (Eds.), *Posttraumatic stress disorder: A lifespan developmental perspective* (pp. 97-112). Seattle: Hogrefe & Huber.
- Toner, B.B., Segal, Z.V., Emmott, S.D., & Myran, D. (2000). *Cognitive-behavioral treatment of irritable bowel syndrome: The brain-gut connection*. New York: Guilford.
- Van Houdenhove, B. (2005). Premorbid “overactive” lifestyle and stress-related pain/fatigue syndromes. *Journal of Psychosomatic Research*, *58*, 389-390.
- Van Houdenhove, B., Egle, U., & Luyten, P. (2005). The role of life stress in fibromyalgia. *Current Rheumatology Reports*, *7*, 365-370.
- Van Houdenhove, B., Neerinckx, E., Lysens, R., Vertommen, H., van Houdenhove, L., Onghena, P., Westhovens, R., & D’Hooghe, M-B. (2001). Victimization in chronic fatigue syndrome and fibromyalgia in tertiary care: A controlled study on prevalence and characteristics. *Psychosomatics*, *42*, 21-28.
- Walker, E., Katon, W., Roy-Byrne, P., Jemelka, R., & Russo, J. (1993). Histories of sexual victimization in patients with irritable bowel syndrome or inflammatory bowel disease. *American Journal of Psychiatry*, *150*, 1502-1506.
- Wolfe, F., Russell, I.J., Vipraio, G., Ross, K., & Anderson, J. (1997). Serotonin levels, pain thresholds, and fibromyalgia symptoms in the general population. *Journal of Rheumatology*, *24*, 555-559.