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## DEDICATION



We dedicate this document to the memory of Linda E. Saltzman, PhD, our colleague, mentor, and friend, whose influential work in the fields of intimate partner violence and sexual violence has improved the lives of many women and children.

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# Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence Victimization Assessment Instruments for Use in Healthcare Settings

## Purpose of this document

This document is a compilation of existing tools for assessing intimate partner violence (IPV) and sexual violence (SV) victimization (defined below) in clinical/healthcare settings.

The purpose of this compilation of assessment instruments is: 1) to provide practitioners and clinicians with the most current inventory of assessment tools for determining IPV and/or SV victimization and 2) to supply information on the psychometric properties of these instruments, when available, to inform decisions about which instruments are most appropriate for use with a given population. This document should serve as a guide to aid in the selection of assessment instruments for use in health care settings to identify victims requiring additional services. The identification can help practitioners make appropriate referrals for both victims and perpetrators.

## Contents of this document

The document is divided into two sections. Section A includes intimate partner violence victimization tools. Section B includes sexual violence victimization tools. A table is included at the beginning of each section that lists each of the instruments included in the section. The actual instruments follow the table. Some instruments found in Section A are repeated in Section B if they include at least one item pertaining to sexual violence victimization.

When available, the following information is provided for each instrument:

- ✦ Instrument characteristics, such as how many items are included and what is specifically being measured;
- ✦ Administration method, such as whether information is collected through self-report or through clinician administration;
- ✦ Scoring procedures, such as what score constitutes victimization;
- ✦ Follow-up procedures, such as referral to services;
- ✦ Populations studied, such as whether the instrument was used with males or females, and with specific racial groups;
- ✦ Psychometric properties, including:
  - Reliability - the extent to which a scale's items are consistently measuring the same characteristic and are responded to similarly over time by the same individual
  - Validity - the extent to which a scale measures what it is supposed to measure
  - Specificity - the proportion of all "true" negative cases in a target population that are correctly identified by a particular scale
  - Sensitivity - the proportion of all "true" positive cases in a target population that are correctly identified by a particular scale;
- ✦ The author(s) who developed the instrument, including the relevant citation;
- ✦ Any recent articles published at the time of this writing that discuss the instrument.

## Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence Definitions

In the context of this document, intimate partner violence (IPV) is defined as actual or threatened physical, sexual, psychological, emotional, or stalking abuse by an intimate partner. An intimate partner can be a current or former spouse or non-marital partner, such as a boyfriend, girlfriend, or dating partner (Saltzman, et al., 1999). Intimate partners can be of the same or opposite sex (National Center for Injury Prevention and Control, 2002).

For the purposes of this document, sexual violence (SV) includes nonconsensual completed or attempted penetration of the vagina or anus, nonconsensual completed or attempted oral sex, nonconsensual intentional touching of a sexual nature, or nonconsensual non-contact acts of a sexual nature such as voyeurism and verbal or behavioral sexual harassment. SV can be perpetrated by anyone, such as a friend/acquaintance, a current or former spouse/partner, a family member, or a stranger (Basile and Saltzman, 2002).

## Methods used to collect assessment instruments

To identify potential scales, we conducted an intensive literature search that involved a review of the articles published and indexed in PsycInfo and Medline and on Yahoo or Google internet sites. Search terms used included: *IPV, intimate partner violence, DV, domestic violence, abuse screening, assault screening, spouse abuse, partner abuse, dating violence, date rape, rape, wife rape, marital rape, sexual abuse, sexual assault, sexual victimization, youth violence, sexual violence, woman abuse, teen violence, acquaintance rape, psychological abuse, risk assessment, danger assessment, sexual offense, spousal assault risk, violent offense, sexual perpetrators, sexual predator, DV perpetrators, IPV perpetrators, perpetrator, propensity, interpersonal violence perpetrator, stalking perpetrator, and stalking.*

Articles identified through the search were used to gather information about the characteristics of the scale, the population(s) for which it was developed, and the psychometric properties.

## Inclusion Criteria

Only assessment instruments for clinical purposes (as opposed to solely for research purposes) were considered for this document. Such assessment tools were limited to those that contained 20 items or fewer, as longer tools would be infeasible in many health care settings due to time constraints. In addition, while we prefer published assessment tools with reliability and validity information available, unpublished measures (particularly for topic areas in which few published assessment tools are available) that met the other inclusion criteria were also included.

## Expert review

Once an initial list of scales was compiled, it was e-mailed to 14 expert clinicians and researchers in sexual and/or intimate partner violence prevention. The draft was also distributed to rape prevention and education program coordinators at state and territory departments of health, using the Rape Prevention and Education listserv. This listserv represents all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and seven U.S. territories. The reviewers were asked to comment on the selected scales, indicate if any scales were missing, and indicate whether the included scales could reasonably be used in a clinical setting. The comments were used to identify new scales and to improve the summary information provided.



## Definitions of terms used

The following technical terms are used in this document:

**Construct:** An unobserved characteristic on which people vary and which scales are intended to measure.

**Construct validity:** The extent to which a scale's items measure the hypothesized underlying construct. One type is convergent validity.

**Convergent validity:** The extent to which responses on a scale are correlated to responses on another scale that assesses a similar underlying construct.

**Internal consistency reliability:** Internal consistency reliability is typically measured using the Cronbach's alpha coefficient, which assesses the degree to which responses to items within a scale are correlated. Scores can range from 0 to 1.0, with higher scores reflecting greater homogeneity among the items. A general guideline for evaluating the adequacy of alpha coefficients is that scores greater than or equal to .80 reflect "exemplary" internal consistency reliability, scores ranging from .70 to .79 indicate "extensive" internal consistency reliability, scores ranging from .60 to .69 indicate "moderate" internal consistency reliability, and scores less than .60 reflect minimal reliability (Robinson, Shaver, & Wrightsman, 1991).

**Test-retest reliability:** The extent to which an individual's responses on a scale provided at one point in time correlate with his or her responses on the same scale at another point in time.

The sources for these definitions include Ghiselli, Campbell, and Zedeck (1981), Rathus and Feindler (2004), Robinson, Shaver, and Wrightsman (1991), and Teutsch and Churchill (2000).

## Uses and limitations

The scales presented in this compilation represent all of the instruments known to the authors that met the inclusion criteria. This document is not intended to provide an exhaustive list of instruments. It should also be noted that the CDC is not endorsing any particular assessment instrument presented, but only provides information to help practitioners and clinicians make informed decisions about choosing instruments that assess exposure to IPV and SV victimization. These assessment instruments should only be used if there are resources available to distribute to clients for primary prevention purposes (preventing violence before it starts); and if there are mechanisms in place to refer clients exposed to IPV or SV for a comprehensive assessment and appropriate victim services. Further, at this time the U.S. Preventive Service Task Force has concluded that there is insufficient evidence to recommend routine IPV screening in healthcare settings (U.S. Preventive Task Force, 2004). More research is needed to further our understanding of the benefits and consequences of assessing exposure to IPV and SV in the healthcare setting (Chamberlain, 2005). We also hope that this document will aid in the field's efforts to increase the knowledge base around the pros and cons of assessing exposure to IPV and SV in the healthcare setting.

This document focuses on assessment tools for SV and IPV victimization, but there are several other types of interpersonal violence for which assessment in a clinical setting would be worthwhile. For example, although an attempt was made to include scales for SV and IPV perpetration, none met the selected criteria. Furthermore, this document does not include scales pertaining to the abuse of the elderly, children, or the disabled. While including these areas went beyond the scope of this project, future projects should address these and other special populations.

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**SECTION A.  
INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE (IPV)**

## DESCRIPTION OF IPV MEASURES

Scale/Assessment	Characteristics	Administration Method	Populations Studied*
			*This list is not exhaustive.
Abuse Assessment Screen (AAS)	5 items assess frequency and perpetrator of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse by anyone. Body map to document area of injury.	Clinician administered	Abused pregnant and nonpregnant African-American, Hispanic, and white women in health and prenatal clinics and emergency departments.
AAS - Spanish Version	5 items assess frequency and perpetrator of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse by anyone. Body map to document area of injury.	Clinician administered	Abused pregnant and nonpregnant African-American, Hispanic, and white women in health and prenatal clinics and emergency departments.
American Medical Association Screening Questions	10 sample items inquire about physical, sexual, and emotional IPV to be asked in physician's own words.	Physician or clinician administered	Women patients in health care settings.
Assessment of Immediate Safety Screening Questions	11 items assess physical safety of patients who disclose current IPV.	Clinician administered or self report	Women and men patients in health care settings.
Bartlett Regional Hospital Domestic Violence Assessment	18 items assess IPV, patient safety, and referral options. Body map to document site of injury.	Clinician administered	Female patients over 16 in a hospital setting.
Computer Based IPV Questionnaire	14 items assess physical and emotional IPV, suicidal ideation, perpetration, sexual violence victimization, and access to handguns.	Self report via a computer in emergency department	African-American and white men and women in emergency departments.
Danger Assessment	15 items assess a woman's potential danger of homicide by an intimate male partner. Available in English Characteristics and Spanish.	Self report	Abused women in the community, battered women shelters, prenatal clinics, and primary care clinics. African-American, white, and Hispanic women.
Domestic Violence Initiative Screening Questions	6 items assess physical, and emotional IPV, and desire for professional assistance.	Clinician administered	Obstetric patients during their initial visit to a hospital based maternity clinic.
Domestic Violence Screening for Pediatric Settings	6 items (3 from American Medical Association and 3 new items) screen for IPV and availability of handguns in the home.	Clinician administered checklist	African-American and white women in a hospital-based pediatric clinic.
Domestic Violence Screening/ Documentation Form	20 items assess physical IPV, patient safety, handguns in the home, substance use, and referral/reporting options.	Designed to be administered by home care nurses	Women and men patients in home care settings.

	Reliability/Validity	Sensitivity/Specificity	Developer	Articles
	Test/retest reliability across the same trimester for pregnant women was 83%.	Sensitivity: 93%; Specificity: 55% (Using the Index of Spouse Abuse [ISA] as the gold standard)	McFarlane, Parker, Soeken, & Bullock, 1992	Norton, Peipert, Zierler, Lima, & Hume, 1995; Soeken, McFarlane, Parker, & Lominack, 1998; Weiss, Ernst, Cham, & Nick, 2003
	Unavailable	Unavailable		
	Unavailable	Unavailable	American Medical Association, 1992	Unavailable
	Unavailable	Unavailable	Family Violence Prevention Fund, 2002	Unavailable
	Unavailable	Unavailable	Bartlett Regional Hospital	Bartlett Regional Hospital Domestic Violence Protocol
	Unavailable	Unavailable	Rhodes, Lauderdale, He, Howes, & Levinson, 2002	Heron & Kellermann, 2002
	Internal consistency: 0.66 -0.86. Test/retest reliability: 0.89 -0.94. Construct validity convergent with the Conflict Tactics Scale (CTS), $r = 0.49 - 0.55$ and ISA, $r = 0.44 - 0.75$ .	Unavailable	Campbell, 1986	Campbell, 1989, 1995; Goodman, Dutton, & Bennett, 2000; McFarlane, Greenberg, Weltge, & Waston, 1995
	Unavailable	Unavailable	Queensland Government, 1998	Webster, Stratigos, & Grimes, 2001; Webster & Holt, 2004
	Unavailable	Unavailable	Siegel, Hill, Henderson, Ernst, & Boat, 1999	Unavailable
	Unavailable	Unavailable	Family Violence Prevention Fund, 1996	Cassidy, 1999; Family Violence Prevention Fund, 2002

## DESCRIPTION OF IPV MEASURES

Scale/Assessment	Characteristics	Administration Method	Populations Studied*
			*This list is not exhaustive.
Emergency Department Domestic Violence Screening Questions	5 items assess violence in the home.	Self report	Canadian women in emergency departments.
Falmouth Pediatric Associates Violence Handout	5 items adapted from the American Medical Association and Siegel et al. 1999 assess IPV, handguns in the home, and previous discussions with health care providers about IPV.	Self report	Mothers of young children in a pediatric group practice.
HITS	4 items assess the frequency of IPV.	Self report or clinician administered	Female patients in family practice settings; male patients in health care settings.
Minnesota Tool	13 items and color-coded stickers assess physical, emotional, and sexual IPV.	Self report	Women and men in a community hospital setting.
New South Wales Department of Health Survey	3 items assess IPV in the last year and current safety.	Clinician administered	Australian women, predominantly white, in emergency departments.
Ongoing Abuse Screen (OAS)	5 items adapted from the AAS assess ongoing physical, sexual, emotional IPV, and fear.	Self report	Women and men in emergency departments. Tested on African Americans, Hispanics, and whites.
Ongoing Violence Assessment Tool (OVAT)	4 items assess ongoing physical and emotional IPV.	Self report	Women and men in emergency departments. Tested on African Americans, Hispanics, and whites.
Partner Violence Screen (PVS)	3 items assess physical IPV in the last year and current safety.	Clinician administered	Women and men in emergency room settings in the United States and Canada.
Patient Satisfaction and Safety Survey (PSSS)	4 items adapted from AAS assess physical, sexual, and emotional IPV.	Self report or clinician-administered	Women in emergency room settings.



	Reliability/Validity	Sensitivity/Specificity	Developer	Articles
	Unavailable	Unavailable	Morrison, Allan, & Grunfeld, 2000	Unavailable
	Unavailable	Unavailable	Parkinson, Adams, & Emerling, 2001	Unavailable
	For women: internal consistency 0.80; concurrent validity: correlation with the CTS of 0.85. Internal consistency 0.76 for English version and 0.61 for Spanish; correlation of 0.76 with ISA-P and 0.75 with Woman Abuse Screening Tool (WAST). For men: concurrent validity: correlation with CTS of 0.86.	For women: English version, Sensitivity: 86%-96%; Specificity: 91%-99% (using cut off score of 10.5, using CTS or ISA as gold standard); Spanish version, Sensitivity: 100%; Specificity: 86% (using cut off score of 5.5, using WAST as gold standard). For men: English version, Sensitivity: 88%; Specificity: 97% (using cut-off score of 11, using CTS as gold standard).	Sherin, Sinacore, Li, Zitter, & Shakil, 1998	Punukollu, 2003; Shakil, Donald, Sinacore, & Krepcho, 2005; Chen, Rovi, Vega, Jacobs, & Johnson, 2005
	Unavailable	Unavailable	md4peace@earthlink.net	Family Violence Prevention Fund, 2003
	Unavailable	Unavailable	Ramsden & Bonner, 2002	Unavailable
	Inter-item correlation: 0.23; Cronbach's alpha: 0.59.	Sensitivity: 30%-60%; Specificity: 90%-100% (Using the ISA as the gold standard).	Weiss et al., 2003	Ernst, Weiss, Cham, & Marquez, 2002
	Inter-item correlation: 0.38-0.44; Cronbach's alpha: 0.60-0.72.	Sensitivity: 86%-93%; Specificity: 83%-86% (Using the ISA as the gold standard).	Weiss et al., 2003	Ernst, Weiss, Cham, Hall, & Nick, 2004
	Unavailable	Sensitivity: 64.5%-71.4% Specificity: 80.3%-84.4% (Using ISA and CTS, respectively, as gold standards).	Feldhaus, Koziol-McLain, Amsbury, Norton, Lowenstein, & Abbott, 1997	Davis, Parks, Kaups, Bennink, Biello, 2003; Morrison, Allan, & Brunfeld, 2000
	Unavailable	Unavailable	Glass, Dearwater, & Campbell, 2001	Unavailable

## DESCRIPTION OF IPV MEASURES

Scale/Assessment	Characteristics	Administration Method	Populations Studied*
			*This list is not exhaustive.
RADAR	5 areas to help physicians recognize and discuss physical IPV and safety.	Physician administered	Female and male patients in health care settings.
RADAR for Men	5 areas to help physicians recognize and discuss physical IPV victimization and perpetration.	Physician administered	Male patients in health care settings.
Relationship Chart, The	4-item word and picture tool assesses frequency of physical and psychological IPV in the past 4 weeks.	Self report	Women in obstetrics and gynecology clinics and domestic violence support groups.
Screening Tools - Domestic Violence	3 items; 2 assess physical and sexual violence by anyone; 1 assesses physical IPV.	Clinician administered	Female patients in health care settings.
STaT	3 items; 2 assess physical IPV; 1 assesses threats.	Clinician administered	Female patients in non-acute section of hospital emergency department.
Suggested Screening Questions	3 framing items and 8 direct items to assess physical, sexual, and emotional IPV.	Clinician administered	Female and male patients in health care settings.
Two-Question Screening Tool	2 items; 1 assesses physical IPV; 1 assesses sexual violence (SV).	Clinician administered	African-American, Hispanic, and white women in public and private emergency departments.
Universal Violence Prevention Screening Protocol	7 items assess physical violence and SV by anyone and fear of harm by an intimate partner in the last year and last month.	Nurse administered	Women and men in emergency departments.
Universal Violence Prevention Screening Protocol - Adapted	6 items; 1 screener and 5 items assessing physical, sexual, and emotional IPV in the last year.	Clinician administered or self report	Low income African-American women in emergency departments.
Victimization Assessment Tool	5 items assess physical IPV, SV, suicidal ideation, and risk of hurting others.	Clinician administered	Women and men in primary care settings.
Women Abuse Screening Tool (WAST)	7 items assess physical, and emotional IPV.	Self report	Abused and non-abused English-speaking women in clinical health care settings and women's shelters.

	Reliability/Validity	Sensitivity/Specificity	Developer	Articles
	Unavailable	Unavailable	Alpert, 2004	Alpert, 1995
	Unavailable	Unavailable	Jaeger, 2004	Unavailable
	Test/retest reliability is 0.60; Evidence of face and criterion validity.	Unavailable	Wasson, Jette, Anderson, Johnson, Nelson, & Kilo, 2000	Unavailable
	Unavailable	Unavailable	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 2003	Unavailable
	Unavailable	Sensitivity: 96% for STaT score of 1, 89% for score of 2, 64% for score of 3; Specificity: 75% for score of 1, 100% for 2 or 3 (Using lifetime IPV from semi-structured interview as reference standard).	Paranjape & Liebschutz, 2003	Unavailable
	Unavailable	Unavailable	Family Violence Prevention Fund, 2002	Unavailable
	Unavailable	Unavailable	McFarlane, Greenberg, Weltge, & Watson, 1995	Unavailable
	Unavailable	Unavailable	Dutton, Mitchell, & Haywood, 1996	Unavailable
	Unavailable	Sensitivity: 31%-95% (Using the ISA physical and nonphysical scale as the gold standard).	Heron, Thompson, Jackson, & Kaslow, 2003	Unavailable
	Inter-rater agreement: 61.7%-86.7% for female patients.	Unavailable	Hoff & Rosenbaum, 1994	Unavailable
	Cronbach's alpha: 0.75; construct validity: correlation with Abuse Risk Inventory (ARI) of 0.69; Discriminant validity: significant differences between abused and non-abused women for each item.	Unavailable	Brown, Lent, Schmidt, & Sas, 2000	Punukollu, 2003; Valente, 2002; Brown, Lent, Brett, Sas, & Pederson, 1996

## DESCRIPTION OF IPV MEASURES

Scale/Assessment	Characteristics	Administration Method	Populations Studied*
			*This list is not exhaustive.
WAST - Short	2 items assess tension in relationship and how respondent and partner work out arguments.	Self report	Abused and non-abused English-speaking women in clinical health care settings and women's shelters.
WAST - Spanish Version	8 items assess physical, sexual, and emotional IPV.	Self report	Abused and non-abused Spanish-speaking women in clinical health care settings and women's shelters.
Women's Experience with Battering Scale (WEB)	10 items assess emotional IPV or battering.	Self report	African-American and white women in family practice settings.
Work/School Abuse Scale	12 items assess physical and nonphysical tactics used by intimate partners to prevent partner from or interfere with going to work or school.	Self report	African-American and white women in domestic violence shelters.

	Reliability/Validity	Sensitivity/Specificity	Developer	Articles
	Construct validity: correlation with 7-item WAST of 0.86 and with ARI of 0.90.	Sensitivity: 91.7%; Specificity: 100% (Using a criterion cut-off score of 1).	Brown, Lent, Brett, Sas, & Pederson, 1996	Punukollu, 2003; Valente, 2002; Brown, Lent, Schmidt, & Sas, 2000
	Cronbach's alpha: 0.91.	Sensitivity: 89%; Specificity: 94% (Using only items 5 and 7 and comparing to 8-item WAST as the gold standard).	Fogarty & Brown, 2002	Unavailable
	Cronbach's alpha: 0.95.	Sensitivity: 86.0%; Specificity: 91.0% (Using ISA as the gold standard).	Smith, Tessaro, & Earp, 1995	Smith, Thornton, DeVellis, Earp, & Coker, 2002; Coker, Bethea, Smith, Fadden, & Brandt, 2002; Punukollu, 2003
	Full scale, Cronbach's alpha: 0.82; restraint subscale: 0.73; interference subscale: 0.77; Convergent validity: full scale correlation with CTS physical assault subscale: 0.43; correlation with Psychological Abuse Index: 0.39.	Unavailable	Riger, Ahrens, & Blickenstaff, 2001	Unavailable

## Abuse Assessment Screen

Instructions: Circle Yes or No for each question

1. Have you ever been emotionally or physically abused by your partner or someone important to you? YES NO

2. Within the last year, have you been hit, slapped, kicked or otherwise physically hurt by someone? YES NO

If YES, who? (Circle all that apply)

Husband Ex-Husband Boyfriend Stranger Other Multiple

Total no. of times \_\_\_\_\_

3. Since you've been pregnant, have you been slapped, kicked or otherwise physically hurt by someone? YES NO

If YES, who? (Circle all that apply)

Husband Ex-Husband Boyfriend Stranger Other Multiple

Total no. of times \_\_\_\_\_

Mark the area of injury on the body map. Score each incident according to the following scale:

### SCORE

1 = Threats of abuse including use of weapon \_\_\_\_\_

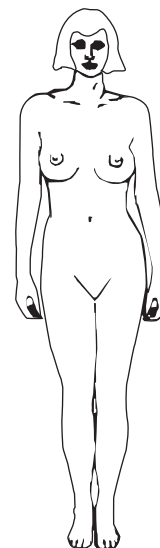
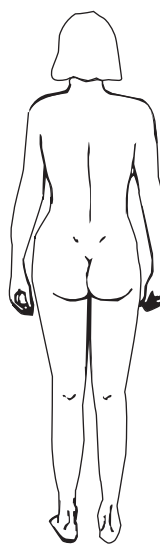
2 = Slapping, pushing; no injuries and/or lasting pain \_\_\_\_\_

3 = Punching, kicking, bruises, cuts, and/or continuing pain \_\_\_\_\_

4 = Beating up, severe contusions, burns, broken bones \_\_\_\_\_

5 = Head injury, internal injury, permanent injury \_\_\_\_\_

6 = Use of weapon; wound from weapon \_\_\_\_\_



4. Within the last year, has anyone forced you to have sexual activities? YES NO  
If YES, who? (Circle all that apply)

Husband Ex-Husband Boyfriend Stranger Other Multiple

Total no. of times \_\_\_\_\_

5. Are you afraid of your partner or anyone you listed above? YES NO

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Developer: Judith McFarlane, Barbara Parker, Karen Soeken, and Linda Bullock

Publication Year: 1992

Administration method: Provide a private and confidential setting. Inform each woman that all women attending this clinic are being assessed for abuse. Read the Abuse Assessment Screen (AAS) question to the woman.

Scoring procedures: If any questions on the screen are answered affirmatively, the AAS is considered positive for abuse (Weiss, Ernst, Cham, & Nick, 2003).

Follow-up procedures: Document the abuse and respect the woman's response to the questions. If a woman reports physical abuse, give her a pencil and have her mark the areas of abuse on the body map (Soeken, McFarlane, Parker, & Lominack, 1998). At a minimum, all agencies should offer patients referral sources and legal options (Soeken et al. 1998).

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## Encuesta Sobre El Maltrato

(Abuse Assessment Screen, Spanish Version)

1. Durante el ultimo ano, fue golpeada, bofeteada, pateada, o lastimada fisicamente de alguna otra manera por alguien? SI NO

Si la respuesta es "si" por quien(es) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Desde que salio embarazado, ha sido golpeada, bofeteada, pateada, o lastimada fisicamente de alguna otra manera por alguien? SI NO

Si la respuesta es "si" por quien(es) \_\_\_\_\_

En el diagrama anatomico marque las partes de su cuerpo que han sido lastimadas. Valore cada incidente usando las siguiente escala:

1 = Amenazas de maltrato que incluyen el use de un arma

2 = Bofeteadas, empujones sin lesiones fisicas o dolor permanente

3 = Moquestas, patadas, moretones, heridas, y/o dolor continuo

4 = Molida a palos, contusiones severa, quemaduras fracturas de huesos

5 = Heridas en las cabeza, lesiones internal, lesiones permanentes

6 = Uso de armas; herida por arma

GRADO

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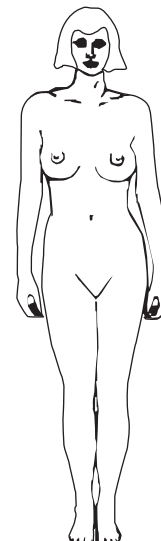
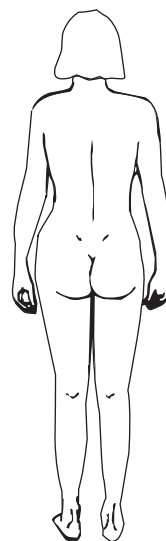
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Si cualquiera de las situaciones valora un numero alto en la escala.

3. Durante el ultimo ano, fue forzada a tener relaciones sexuales? SI NO

Si la respuesta es "si" por quien(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Cuantas veces? \_\_\_\_\_



## American Medical Association Screening Questions

1. Are you in a relationship in which you have been physically hurt or threatened by your partner?
2. Are you in a relationship in which you felt you were treated badly? In what ways?
3. Has your partner ever destroyed things that you cared about?
4. Has your partner ever threatened or abused your children?
5. Has your partner ever forced you to have sex when you didn't want to? Does he force you to engage in sex that makes you feel uncomfortable?
6. We all fight at home. What happens when you and your partner fight or disagree?
7. Do you ever feel afraid of your partner?
8. Has your partner ever prevented you from leaving the house, seeing friends, getting a job, or continuing your education?
9. You mentioned that your partner uses drugs/alcohol. How does he act when he is drinking or on drugs? Is he ever verbally or physically abusive?
10. Do you have guns in your home? Has your partner ever threatened to use them when he was angry?

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Administration method: Interview the patient alone. Begin with an opening statement such as, "Because abuse and violence are so common in women's lives, I've begun to ask about it routinely." These items are sample questions that should be asked in the physician's own words.

Scoring procedures: This information is not available.

Follow-up procedures: Document the abuse. Assess the patient's safety before she leaves the medical setting. Provide her with written information about legal options, crisis intervention services, local counseling, shelters, and the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-SAFE or [www.ndvh.org](http://www.ndvh.org)). See the website ([www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/3548.html](http://www.ama-assn.org/ama/pub/category/3548.html)) for more detailed information.

Index Reference:

American Medical Association. *Diagnosis and treatment guidelines on domestic violence*. (1992)  
Chicago, IL: American Medical Association.

## Assessment of Immediate Safety Screening Questions

1. Are you in immediate danger?
2. Is your partner at the health facility now?
3. Do you want to (or have to) go home with your partner?
4. Do you have somewhere safe to go?
5. Have there been threats of direct abuse of the children (if s/he has children)?
6. Are you afraid your life may be in danger?
7. Has the violence gotten worse or is it getting scarier? Is it happening more often?
8. Has your partner used weapons, alcohol, or drugs?
9. Has your partner ever held you or your children against your will?
10. Does your partner ever watch you closely, follow you or stalk you?
11. Has your partner ever threatened to kill you, him/herself or your children?

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Administration method: Clinician administered.

Scoring procedures: This information is not available.

Follow-up Procedures: Clinicians should assess the impact of the abuse on the patient's health and the pattern and history of the abuse. Clinicians also need to provide validation, information about domestic violence, referrals to local resources, and information about safety planning. See the National Consensus Guidelines (2002) for more detailed information.

Index Reference:

Family Violence Prevention Fund. *National consensus guidelines on identifying and responding to domestic violence victimization in health care settings*. San Francisco, CA: Author.  
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# Bartlett Regional Hospital Domestic Violence Assessment

## DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ASSESSMENT

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Patient ID # \_\_\_\_\_

Patient Name \_\_\_\_\_

Patient pregnant  yes  no

**R= Routinely Screen**

"Because violence is so common in peoples' lives, I've begun to ask about it routinely."

yes  no Domestic Violence confirmed by patient.

If yes, name and relationship of perpetrator:

\_\_\_\_\_

yes  no Domestic Violence suspected. State reasons:

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**A=Ask Direct Questions**

- yes  no Are you afraid at home?
- yes  no Are you in a relationship in which you have been hurt or threatened?
- yes  no Have you ever been hit, kicked, or punched by someone close to you? \_\_\_\_\_ # of times in the past year.
- yes  no I notice you have a number of bruises; did someone do this to you?

**A=Assess Patient Safety**

- yes  no Is client afraid to go home?
- yes  no Increase in severity/frequency of abuse?
- yes  no Threats of homicide or suicide?
- yes  no Weapon present?
- yes  no Do you want police intervention?

**D=Document Your Findings**

**Patient report: Patient's description of assault (use patient's own words)**

\_\_\_\_\_

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**R=Review Options and Referrals**

- yes  no Need immediate shelter?
- yes  no Hotline number/community resources given?
- yes  no Referred to AWARE staff?
- yes  no Referred to outside source?
- yes  no Follow-up appointment made? Date \_\_\_\_\_
- yes  no Can patient be called at home? If no, is there a safe number where patient can be reached?

**Provider Evaluation**

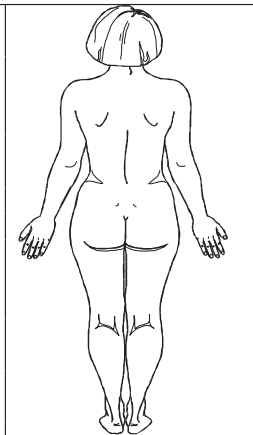
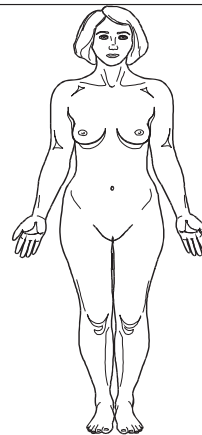
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Provider Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Check Physical Findings**

**Indicate Where Injury Was Observed**

	Contusion	Abrasion	Laceration	Bleeding	Tenderness
Head					
Ears					
Nose					
Cheeks					
Mouth					
Neck					
Shoulder					
Arms					
Hands					
Chest					
Back					
Abdomen					
Genitals					
Buttocks					
Legs					
Feet					



yes  no Photographs taken?

Addressograph \_\_\_\_\_

Developer: Bartlett Regional Hospital

Publication year: This information is not available

Administration method: Clinician administered. Begin with saying “Because domestic violence is so common among many peoples’ lives, I’ve begun to ask all my patients about it routinely.”

Scoring procedures: This information is not available

Follow-up procedures: Assess immediate safety, notify the medical doctor, notify security if necessary, and document the patient’s report. Discuss a safety plan and offer referrals for shelters and legal assistance. See the website listed below for more detailed information.

Index Reference:

Bartlett Regional Hospital Domestic Violence Assessment  
[www.hospitalsoup.com/public/dvassess.pdf](http://www.hospitalsoup.com/public/dvassess.pdf)

Additional Reference:

Bartlett Regional Hospital Domestic Violence Protocol, from  
[www.hospitalsoup.com/public/brhdvprotocol.pdf](http://www.hospitalsoup.com/public/brhdvprotocol.pdf)

## Computer-Based IPV Questionnaire

### Intimate Partner Violence Questions

#### *Possible emotional abuse*

- Do you have a partner or spouse who gets very jealous or tries to control your life? YES NO
- Does your partner or spouse try to keep you away from your family or friends? YES NO
- Does someone close to you sometimes say insulting things or threaten you? YES NO
- (Yes to at least one of the above emotional abuse questions?) YES NO

#### *Perception of safety*

- Is there someone you are afraid to disagree with because they might hurt you or other family members? YES NO

#### *Physical abuse in a current relationship*

- Are you in a relationship with someone who has pushed, hit, kicked, or otherwise physically hurt you? YES NO
- (Possible current intimate partner abuse?) YES NO
- (Yes to any of the above domestic violence questions?) YES NO

#### **Other violence-related questions**

- Have you ever physically hurt someone close to you? YES NO
- Are you worried that you might physically hurt someone close to you? YES NO
- In the past 12 months, have you ever felt so low that you thought about harming yourself or committing suicide? YES NO
- Have you ever been made to have sex when you didn't want to? YES NO
- Is there a handgun in your home or car? YES NO
- Have you ever witnessed or taken part in any argument or fight where someone had a gun or knife? YES NO

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Developer: Karin Rhodes, Diane Lauderdale, Theresa He, David Howes, and Wendy Levinson

Publication year: 2002

Administration method: Self-report via computer located in the emergency department (ED). Note that phrases in parentheses are intended for the individual reviewing the print out (e.g., nurse) and not the patient.

Scoring procedures: Patients answer each question "yes" or "no." If a patient responds affirmatively to questions about either emotional or physical abuse by a current partner, this is considered positive for IPV (Rhodes et al. 2002).

Follow-up procedures: After completing the computer-based questionnaire, patients are offered a printout to take with them, which lists their individualized health recommendations. The results of the patient survey are shared with the treating physician in the ED and the summary includes a physician prompt to assess for domestic violence if the patient has answered one or more of the IPV questions affirmatively. Community service, hotline numbers, and hospital-based social service resources are also provided to the patient (Rhodes et al. 2002).

Index Reference:

Rhodes KV, Lauderdale DS, He T, Howes DS, Levinson W (2002). "Between me and the computer": Increased detection of intimate partner violence using a computer questionnaire. *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, 40, 476-84.

Additional Reference:

Heron SL, Kellermann AL (2002). Screening for intimate partner violence in the emergency department: Where do we go from here? *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, 40, 493-95.

## Danger Assessment

Several risk factors have been associated with homicides (murders) of both batterers and battered women in research conducted after the murders have taken place. We cannot predict what will happen in your case, but we would like you to be aware of the danger of homicide in situations of severe battering and for you to see how many of the risk factors apply to your situation.

On the calendar, please mark the approximate dates during the past year when you were beaten by your husband or partner. Write on that date how long each incident lasted in approximate hours and rate the incident according to the following scale:

1. Slapping, pushing; no injuries and/or lasting pain
2. Punching, kicking; bruises, cuts, and/or continuing pain
3. "Beating up"; severe contusions, burns, broken bones
4. Threat to use weapon; head injury, internal injury, permanent injury
5. Use of weapon; wounds from weapon

(If any of the descriptions for the higher number apply, use the higher number.)

Answer these questions Yes or No. The "he" in the questions refers to your husband, partner, ex-husband, or whoever is currently physically hurting you.

- \_\_\_ 1. Has the physical violence increased in frequency over the past year?
- \_\_\_ 2. Has the physical violence increased in severity over the past year and/or has a weapon or threat from a weapon ever been used?
- \_\_\_ 3. Does he ever try to choke you?
- \_\_\_ 4. Is there a gun in the house?
- \_\_\_ 5. Has he ever forced you to have sex when you did not wish to do so?
- \_\_\_ 6. Does he use drugs? By drugs, I mean "uppers" or amphetamines, speed, angel dust, cocaine, "crack", street drugs or mixtures.
- \_\_\_ 7. Does he threaten to kill you and/or do you believe he is capable of killing you?
- \_\_\_ 8. Is he drunk every day or almost every day? (In terms of quantity of alcohol.)
- \_\_\_ 9. Does he control most or all of your daily activities? For instance: does he tell you who you can be friends with, how much money you can take with you shopping, or when you can take the car? (If he tries, but you do not let him, check here: \_\_\_)
- \_\_\_ 10. Have you ever been beaten by him while you were pregnant? (If you have never been pregnant by him, check here: \_\_\_)
- \_\_\_ 11. Is he violently and constantly jealous of you? (For instance, does he say "If I can't have you, no one can.")
- \_\_\_ 12. Have you ever threatened or tried to commit suicide?
- \_\_\_ 13. Has he ever threatened or tried to commit suicide?
- \_\_\_ 14. Is he violent toward your children?
- \_\_\_ 15. Is he violent outside of the home?
- \_\_\_ Total "Yes" Answers

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Publication year: 1986

Administration method: Self report.

Scoring procedures: Sum the number of total positive (i.e., “yes”) responses.

Follow-up procedures: This measure is to be used as the basis for discussion with battered women, to help women assess their danger of homicide, and to help them make decisions about what to do in their situation.

Index Reference:

Campbell JC (1986). Nursing assessment for risk of homicide with battered women.  
*Advances in Nursing Science*, 8, 36-51.

Additional References:

Campbell JC (1989). Women’s responses to sexual abuse in intimate relationships.  
*Health Care for Women International*, 10, 335-46.

Campbell JC (1995). Prediction of homicide of and by battered women. In JC Campbell (Ed.),  
*Assessing dangerousness: Violence by sexual offenders, batterers, and child abusers*  
(pp. 96 - 113). Thousand Oaks: Sage Publications.

Goodman LA, Dutton MA, Bennett L (2000). Predicting repeat abuse among arrested  
batterers. *Journal of Interpersonal Violence*, 15, 63-74.

McFarlane J, Greenberg L, Weltge A, Watson M (1995). Identification of abuse in emergency  
departments: Effectiveness of a two-question screening tool.  
*Journal of Emergency Nursing*, 21, 391-94.



## Domestic Violence Initiative Screening Questions

Health worker to explain the following in own words:

- In this health service, we are concerned about your health and safety, so we ask all women the same questions about violence at home;
- This is because violence is very common and we want to improve our response to families experiencing violence.

Health worker to ask the following questions of ALL female patients on their own:

- |                                                                                                         |     |    |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| 1. Are you ever afraid of your partner?                                                                 | YES | NO |
| 2. In the last year, has your partner hit, kicked, punched or otherwise hurt you?                       | YES | NO |
| 3. In the last year, has your partner put you down, humiliated you or tried to control what you can do? | YES | NO |
| 4. In the last year, has your partner threatened to hurt you?                                           | YES | NO |

If domestic violence has been identified in any of the above questions, continue to questions 5 and 6.

- |                                                                  |     |    |
|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|
| 5. Would you like help with any of this now?                     | YES | NO |
| 6. Would you like us to send a copy of this form to your doctor? | YES | NO |

Name of Doctor:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Signature of Client

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date

### DV Risk Status:

- Domestic Violence not identified
- Domestic Violence identified, refused help
- Domestic Violence identified, help provided

### Provided With:

- Contact phone numbers for DV
- Written information for DV
- Referral to hospital-based service
- Referral to community DV service
- Referral to GP
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### Screening Not Completed Due to:

- Presence of partner
- Presence of family member/friend
- Absence of interpreter
- Woman refused to answer the questions

Additional Comments:

Signature of Health Professional:

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Date:

IF THIS FORM WAS NOT COMPLETED PLEASE SCREEN ON NEXT VISIT

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Publication year: 1998

Administration method: Clinician administered.

Scoring procedures: There are no scoring procedures for this tool. These questions are used as a guide for nurses when questioning women about their experience of violence.

Follow-up procedures: Educational materials on domestic violence are provided to women who are positive for partner abuse, and they are offered referral to a support agency.

Index Reference:

Queensland Government (1998). Domestic violence initiative screening tool, from  
<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/violence/domestic/dvi/publications.asp>)

Additional Reference:

Webster J, Stratigos SM, Grimes KM (2001). Women's responses to screening for domestic violence in a health-care setting. *Midwifery*, 17, 289-294.

Webster J, Holt, V. (2004). Screening for partner violence: direct questioning or self-report? *Obstetrics & Gynecology*, 103, 299-303.

## Domestic Violence Screen for Pediatric Settings

1. Are you in a relationship now or have you ever been in a relationship in which you have been harmed or felt afraid of your partner?
2. Has your partner ever hurt any of your children?
3. Are you afraid of your current partner?
4. Do you have any pets in the house?
5. Has your partner or child ever threatened or hurt any of the pets?
6. Are there any guns in your house?

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Publication year: 1999

Administration method: Clinician administered.

Scoring procedures: This information is not available.

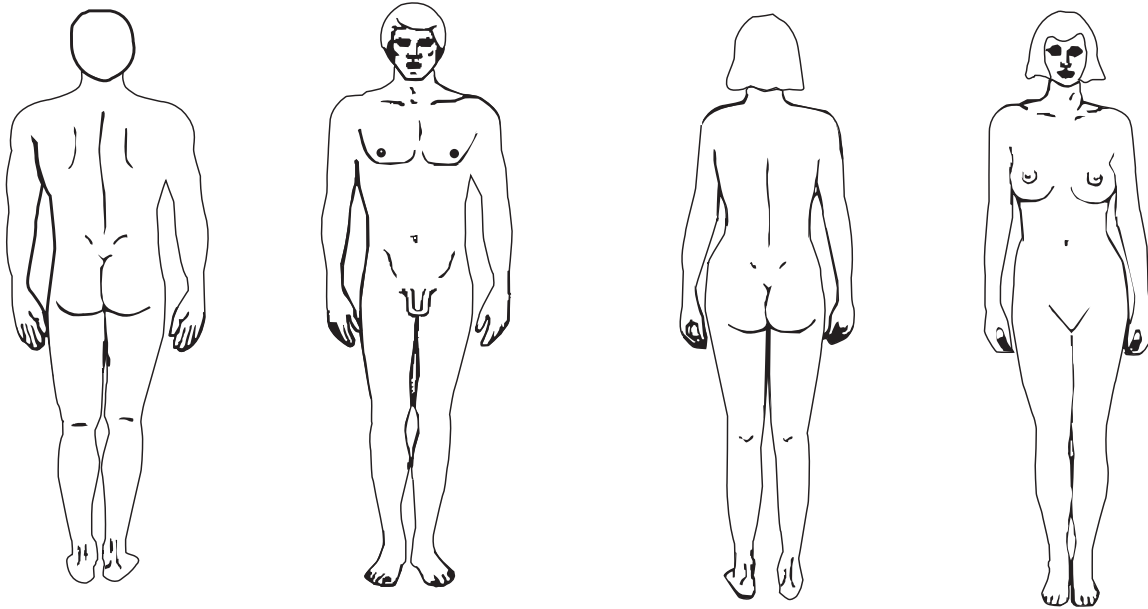
Follow-up procedures: If a woman responds affirmatively to any of the first three questions, she is referred to an in-house social worker. The patient is then referred to a domestic violence program, local women's center, legal services, and/or family counseling (Siegel et al. 1999).

Index Reference:

Siegel RM, Hill TD, Henderson VA, Ernst HM, Boat BW (1999). Screening for domestic violence in the community pediatric setting. *Pediatrics* 104, 874-77.

# Domestic Violence Screening/Documentation Form

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Patient ID# \_\_\_\_\_  
Patient Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Provider Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Patient Pregnant? YES NO



## ASSESS PATIENT SAFETY

- YES  NO Is abuser here now?
- YES  NO Is patient afraid of their partner?
- YES  NO Is patient afraid to go home?
- YES  NO Has physical violence increased in severity?
- YES  NO Has partner physically abused children?
- YES  NO Threats of homicide?  
By whom: \_\_\_\_\_
- YES  NO Threats of suicide?  
By whom: \_\_\_\_\_
- YES  NO Is there a gun in the home?
- YES  NO Alcohol or substance abuse?
- YES  NO Was safety plan discussed?

## PHOTOGRAPHS

- YES  NO Consent to be photographed?
- YES  NO Photographs taken?

*Attach photographs and consent form*

## REFERRALS

- Hotline number given
- Legal referral made
- Shelter number given
- In house referral made
- Describe: \_\_\_\_\_
- Other referral made
- Describe: \_\_\_\_\_

## REPORTING

- Law enforcement report made
- Child Protective Services report made
- Adult Protective Services report made

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Developer: Family Violence Prevention Fund and Educational Programs Associates, Inc.

Publication year: 1996

Administration method: Home care nurse administered.

Scoring procedures: This information is not available.

Follow-up procedures: Provide information about local resources, shelters, and legal assistance. Help the person plan for future safety (Cassidy 1999). See the Family Violence Prevention Fund guidelines for more detailed information.

Index Reference:

Family Violence Prevention Fund (1996). Health alert: *Strengthening the health care system's response to domestic violence*. San Francisco, CA: Author.

Additional References:

Cassidy K (1999). How to assess and intervene in domestic violence situations. *Home Healthcare Nurse*, 17, 664-72.

Family Violence Prevention Fund (2002). *National consensus guidelines on identifying and responding to domestic violence victimization in health care settings*. San Francisco, CA: Author.

## Emergency Department Domestic Violence Screening Questions

1. Does anyone in your family have a violent temper?
2. During an argument at home have you ever worried about your safety or the safety of your children?
3. Many women who present to the Emergency Department with similar injuries or complaints are victims of violence at home. Could this be what happened to you?
4. Would you like to speak to someone about this?
5. Were any of the previous visits to the Emergency Department prompted by an injury or symptom suffered as a victim of violence at home?

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Developer: Laurie Morrison, Rebecca Allan, and Anton Grunfeld

Publication year: 2000

Administration method: Self report.

Scoring procedures: Based on the patient's response, individuals are grouped into the following categories:

Acute domestic violence = Yes to question 3, or yes to question 1 or 2 and 4

Probable acute domestic violence = Yes to question 1 or Yes to question 2, or both

Past domestic violence = Yes to question 5

Follow-up procedures: Morrison , Allan, and Grunfeld (2000) report the following:

If the patient responded positively to question 4, the patient was offered all of the following options: 1) to notify the Emergency Physician, 2) immediate assistance with respect to shelters, victim advocacy, police involvement or protective admission to hospital, 3) a follow-up appointment the next day with the ED social worker, and 4) printed matter on shelters, legal aid, social services, and community support groups, etc. (p. 119).

Index Reference:

Morrison LJ, Allan R, Grunfeld A (2000). Improving the emergency department detection rate of domestic violence using direct questioning. *The Journal of Emergency Medicine*, 19, 117-24.

## Falmouth Pediatric Associates Violence Handout

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name (optional) \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

Please confirm that the person filling out this form is the child's mother

Y N

In your current relationship, have you ever been harmed or felt afraid of your partner?

Y N No current relationship

In a previous relationship, have you ever been harmed or felt afraid of your partner?

Y N

Has your current or past partner harmed any of your children?

Y N

Are there any guns in your home?

Y N

Has any health professional ever asked you about domestic violence before?

Y N

Note: The original handout also includes several questions about demographic characteristics (e.g., type of medical insurance, number of children). See Parkinson, Adams, & Emerling, 2001 for further details.

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Developer: Gregory Parkinson, Richard Adams, and Frank Emerling

Publication year: 2001

Administration method: Self report.

Scoring procedures: This information is not available.

Follow-up procedures: All participants are given the Falmouth Pediatric Associates Violence Handout, a personalized safety plan:

FALMOUTH PEDIATRIC ASSOCIATES VIOLENCE HANDOUT

Here is a PERSONALIZED SAFETY PLAN that you may find useful:

Suggestions for increasing safety in the relationship

- ♦ I will have important phone numbers available to my children and myself.
  - Police: 911
  - National Domestic Violence Hotline: (800) 797-SAFE
  - INSERT OTHER LOCAL RESOURCES
  - SafeLink: (877) 785-2020 (toll free)  
(877) 561-2601 (hearing impaired)
  - Parents Anonymous: (800) 882-1250 (for parents with trouble coping)

I can tell \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ about the violence and ask them to call the police if they hear suspicious noises coming from my home.

- ♦ If I leave my home, I can go (list places):
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
- ♦ I can leave extra money, car keys, clothes, and documents with \_\_\_\_\_.
- ♦ If I leave, I will bring:
  - ✓ Identification
  - ✓ Birth certificates for me and my children
  - ✓ Social Security cards
  - ✓ School and medical records
  - ✓ Money, bankbooks, credit cards
  - ✓ Keys-house/car/office
  - ✓ Driver's license and registration
  - ✓ Medications
  - ✓ Change of clothes
  - ✓ Welfare identification
  - ✓ Passports
  - ✓ Divorce papers
  - ✓ Lease/rental agreement, house deed
  - ✓ Mortgage payment book, current unpaid bills
  - ✓ Insurance papers
  - ✓ Address book
  - ✓ Pictures, jewelry, items of sentimental value
  - ✓ Children's favorite toys and/or blankets
- ♦ To ensure safety and independence, I can: keep change for phone calls with me at all times; open my own savings account; practice my escape route with a support person; and review safety plan on \_\_\_\_\_ (date).



**Suggestions for increasing safety when relationship is over:**

- I can: change the locks; install steel/metal doors, a security system, smoke detectors and an outside lighting system.
- I will inform \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ that my partner no longer lives with me and ask them to call the police if s/he is observed near my home or my children.
- I will tell people who take care of my children the names of those who have permission to pick them up. The people who have permission are:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
- I can tell \_\_\_\_\_ at work about my situation and ask \_\_\_\_\_ to screen my calls.
- I can avoid stores, banks, and \_\_\_\_\_ that I used when living with my battering partner.
- I can obtain a protective order from the local court house. I can keep it on or near me at all times as well as leave a copy with \_\_\_\_\_.
- If I feel down and ready to return to a potentially abusive situation, I can call \_\_\_\_\_ for support or attend workshops and support groups to gain support and strengthen my relationships with other people.

**Index Reference:**

Parkinson GW, Adams RC, Emerling FG (2001). Maternal domestic violence screening in an office-based pediatric practice. *Pediatrics*, 108, 1-9.

## HITS

Hurt, Insult, Threaten, and Scream

How often does your partner physically **Hurt** you?

How often does your partner **Insult** or talk down to you?

How often does your partner **Threaten** you with physical harm?

How often does your partner **Scream** or curse at you?

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Publication year: 1998

Administration method: Self report or clinician administered.

Scoring procedures: Each question is answered on a 5-point scale:

1 = never, 2 = rarely, 3 = sometimes, 4 = fairly often, 5 = frequently

The scores range from 4 to a maximum of 20. For female patients, A HITS cut off score 10 or greater was used to classify participants as victimized; for male patients, A HITS cut off score of 11 or greater was used to classify participants as victimized (Sherin et al 1998; Shakil et al. 2005).

Follow-up procedures: This information is not available.

Index Reference:

Sherin KM, Sinacore JM, Li XQ, Zitter RE, Shakil A. (1998). HITS: A short domestic violence screening tool for use in a family practice setting. *Family Medicine*, 30, 508-12.

Additional References:

Punukollu M (2003). Domestic violence: Screening made practical. *The Journal of Family Practice*, 52, 537-43.

Shakil A, Donald S, Sinacore JM, Krepcho M. (2005). Validation of the HITS domestic violence screening tool with males. *Family Medicine*, 37, 193-98.

Chen PH, Rovi S, Vega M, Jacobs A, Johnson MS. (2005). Screening for domestic violence in predominantly Hispanic clinical settings, *Family Practice*, 22, 617-23.

## Minnesota Tool

To our patients:

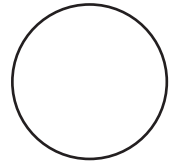
The staff at \*Anyplace\* Health Center know that many things happen in our lives that affect our physical and mental health. We have started a new program to find and help people who are now, or have been, in difficult or harmful relationships. Your response to this survey will help us make that program better. It's easy.

1. Please **read** the statements below.
2. **Decide** which group of statements fits your life best.
3. Then, **peel** off the sticker next to that group and put it on the **same** colored circle at the bottom of this page.

**Your answers will be kept confidential.**

If you do not wish to answer this survey, please return it without moving any of the stickers. If you have any comments, please let us know.

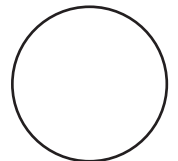
If any of the following statements applies to you, please attach the blue sticker to the bottom of the page. You do not need to identify your responses in any other way.



- I do not feel safe with my current partner.
- My partner often puts me down, yells at me, calls me names, or tells me I'm worthless.
- My partner is jealous, accuses me of being unfaithful, is suspicious of my activity.
- My partner does not allow me to see my friends, make phone calls, or have money without his/her approval.
- My partner has hit me, slapped me, kicked me, pushed me, punched me, pulled my hair or in some other way hurt me.
- I am here today because of injuries caused by my partner.
- My partner has hurt or threatened to hurt my pet(s).
- I have had sex with my partner when I didn't want to, or performed sex acts that I didn't want to do.

If the next group of statements apply to you, please attach the green sticker to the bottom of the page:

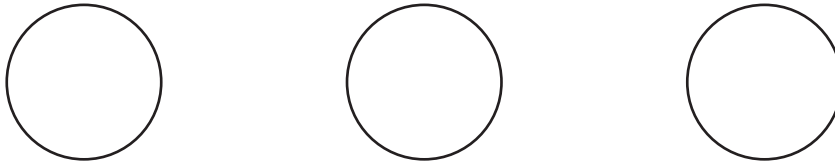
- I am in a healthy relationship.
- I trust my partner to respect me and not to hurt me on purpose.
- I feel safe with my current partner.



Attach the yellow sticker if the following is true:

- None of the statements above applies to me
- I am not now in any close relationship with another person

Please place this survey in the envelope and give to the nurse or doctor when they come back. If you attached the blue sticker, one of our staff will give you a chance to talk privately about your answer.



Whether or not you are in a troubled relationship, we would like you to know about resources for people who are. If you know of a friend or relative who needs help, or feel you might need information in the future, please take the card attached to the back of this survey for future use.

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Developer: David McCollum

Publication year: 2001

Administration method: The form is Z-folded and inserted into a brown envelope (to help ensure privacy). The patient completes the form which is collected by the nurse or physician. If the “blue” sticker has been placed on the circle at the bottom of the page, the patient is moved to a private room and a face-to-face interview is conducted using a scripted form (see below). This is generally done by the physician, but could be done by nursing, social service or an advocate.

Scoring procedures: If the patient places the “blue” sticker on the circle at the bottom of the page, this is considered positive for IPV.

Follow-up procedures: If a patient screens positive for IPV, the following survey is generally completed by a physician, but could be completed by nursing, social service or an in-house advocate if the physician is delayed.

## Secondary Survey

### Face-to-face

This is to be filled out if the patient screens positive for IPV. It should be completed by the nurse or physician caring for the patient, but may at times, be completed by social services or Family Violence Services Response team.

Introductory statements should be made, e.g.:

**“I want to review with you your response to the survey that you just completed. I understand that you may be in a relationship that is difficult in one way or another. I am concerned that we provide care for all of your needs. So, I’d like to ask you a few more questions. Can you tell me which of the statements are true for you?”**

- I do not feel safe with my current partner
- Does your partner frequently put you down, yell at you, call you names, or tell you you’re worthless?
- Is your partner jealous, accuse you of being unfaithful, is suspicious of your activity?
- Does your partner ever prevent you from seeing your friends, making phone calls, or having access to money without his/her approval?
- Has your partner ever hit you, kicked you, pushed you, punched you, pulled your hair or in some other way hurt you?
- Are you here today because of injuries caused by your partner?
- Has your partner hurt or threatened to hurt your pet(s)?
- Have you had sex with your partner when you didn’t want to, or performed sex acts that you didn’t want to do?
- How long have you been in this relationship? \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever tried to leave this relationship? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, what happened? \_\_\_\_\_

Filled out by:

MD

RN

SW

FVSA

**“I’m sorry those things have happened to you. Nobody deserves to be hurt or treated in that manner. Now I’d like to ask you some other questions that will help us know how best to help you.”**

Determine current level of safety for the patient:

Questions should include determining whether there is escalation of the abuse and severity of abuse. One suggested severity ranking scale is as follows:

- Throwing things, punching the wall
- Pushing, shoving, grabbing, throwing things at the victim
- Kicking, biting
- Hitting with a closed fist
- Attempted strangulation
- Beating up/pinned to wall or floor
- Threatening with a weapon
- Assault with a weapon

Filled out by:

MD

RN

SW

FVSA

Many women who are physically assaulted also feel sexually assaulted. Escalating levels of sexual assault or sexual coercion are risk factors for serious injury and death. Asking questions about this may help determine safety risk.

Survey for past issues of abuse: **“Many patients who are experiencing relationships like yours, have also had other unpleasant or harmful events happen to them earlier in their lives, as teenagers or even as children. Can you tell me if any of the following has happened to you?”**

- Have you been in relationships in the past that have been harmful or hurtful, either verbally, physically or sexually? \_\_\_\_\_
- Were you hurt physically when you were growing up?
- Were you hurt sexually or made to do things you didn't want to sexually when you were growing up?
- Did you ever feel that you were raped? If so, did you report it? \_\_\_\_\_
- Did you ever feel that you were being followed, watched, or stalked? \_\_\_\_\_
- Did you grow up with one parent  , or both ?
- Were your parents in an abusive relationship/Did your parents fight a lot? \_\_\_\_\_
- Was either of your parents alcoholic? \_\_\_\_\_

Filled out by:	
MD	<input type="checkbox"/>
RN	<input type="checkbox"/>
SW	<input type="checkbox"/>
FVSA	<input type="checkbox"/>

If the patient has been acutely injured or has physical evidence of injury, photographic documentation is desirable. Recommended procedure includes:

1. Obtain patient consent - acknowledge that it may be uncomfortable for them to have pictures taken and that if they want to stop at any time, they may ask to do so.
2. One photo should show the whole body including face.
3. Subsequent photos are closer in.
4. Take two pictures of each area.
5. Number the pictures for reference (1,2,3, etc.)
6. Offer the patient one set of pictures.

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MD	<input type="checkbox"/>
RN	<input type="checkbox"/>
SW	<input type="checkbox"/>
FVSA	<input type="checkbox"/>

Referral options:

- Information given (package)
- Called social services
- Called shelter (Southern Valley, e.g.)
- Called police
- Called Sexual Violence Center
- Called crisis worker
- 1-800-799-SAFE given
- Supportive statements only
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

Filled out by:	
MD	<input type="checkbox"/>
RN	<input type="checkbox"/>
SW	<input type="checkbox"/>
FVSA	<input type="checkbox"/>

Index Reference:

Contact Dr. David McCollum at [md4peace@earthlink.net](mailto:md4peace@earthlink.net)

Additional Reference:

Family Violence Prevention Fund (2003). Interpersonal Violence New Tool for Identification in Health Care Settings, *Health Alert*, 9, 8-9.



## New South Wales Department of Health Survey

In this Health Survey we have begun a new project to routinely ask all women the same questions about violence. This is because violence in the home is very common and can be serious and we want to improve our responses to women experiencing domestic violence. You don't have to answer these questions if you don't want to. This information will remain confidential to the Health Service except where you give us information that indicates that you or your children are at immediate risk of serious harm.

1. Within the last 12 months, have you been hit, slapped or hurt in other ways by your partner or ex-partner?
2. Are you frightened of your partner or ex-partner?
3. Are you safe to go home when you leave here?

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Developer: Clair Ramsden and Michelle Bonner

Publication year: 2002

Administration method: Clinician administered.

Scoring procedures: This information is not available.

Follow-up procedures: If IPV was identified in any of the first three questions, a fourth question is asked: "Would you like some assistance with this?" Any further action taken is documented on the form. All women, regardless of whether domestic violence was disclosed, were still given an information resource card and told "here is some information that we are giving to all women about domestic violence" (Ramsden & Bonner 2002 p. 33).

Index Reference:

Ramsden C, Bonner M. (2002). A realistic view of domestic violence screening in an emergency department. *Accident and Emergency Nursing*, 10, 31-9.

## Ongoing Abuse Screen (OAS)

1. Are you presently emotionally or physically abused by your partner or someone important to you? (Yes/No)
2. Are you presently being hit, slapped, kicked, or otherwise physically hurt by your partner or someone important to you? (Yes/No)
3. Are you presently forced to have sexual activities? (Yes/No)
4. Are you afraid of your partner or anyone of the following (circle if appropriate): husband/wife, ex-husband/ex-wife, boyfriend/girlfriend, stranger
5. (If pregnant) Have you ever been hit, slapped, kicked, or otherwise physically hurt by your partner or someone important to you during pregnancy? (Yes/No)

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Developer: Steve Weiss, Amy Ernst, Elaine Cham, and Todd Nick

Publication year: 2003

Administration method: Self report.

Scoring procedures: If any questions on the screen are answered affirmatively, the OAS is considered positive for ongoing abuse.

Follow-up procedures: Referrals to social services are offered.

Index Reference:

Weiss SJ, Ernst AA, Cham E, Nick TG. (2003). Development of a screen for ongoing intimate partner violence. *Violence and Victims*, 18, 131 -41.

Additional Reference:

Ernst AA, Weiss SJ, Cham E, Marquez M. (2002). Comparison of three instruments for assessing ongoing intimate partner violence. *Medical Science Monitor*, 8, 197-201.

## Ongoing Violence Assessment Tool (OVAT)

1. At the present time does your partner threaten you with a weapon? (Yes/No)
2. At the present time does your partner beat you up so badly that you must seek medical help? (Yes/No)
3. At the present time does your partner act like he/she would like to kill you? (Yes/No)
4. My partner has no respect for my feelings. (Never, Rarely, Occasionally, Often, Always)

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Publication year: 2003

Administration method: Self report.

Scoring procedures: This information is not available.

Follow-up procedures: Referrals to social services are offered.

Index Reference:

Weiss SJ, Ernst AA, Cham E, Nick TG. (2003). Development of a screen for ongoing intimate partner violence. *Violence and Victims*, 18, 131-41.

Additional Reference:

Ernst AA, Weiss SJ, Cham E, Hall L, Nick TG. (2004). Detecting ongoing intimate partner violence in the emergency department using a simple 4-question screen: the OVAT. *Violence and Victims*, 19, 375-84.

## Partner Violence Screen (PVS)

1. Have you been hit, kicked, punched, or otherwise hurt by someone within the past year? If so, by whom?
2. Do you feel safe in your current relationship?
3. Is there a partner from a previous relationship who is making you feel unsafe now?

Reprinted with permission from Davis JW, Parks SN, Kaups KL, Bennink LD, Bilello JF. (2003). Victims of domestic violence on the trauma service: Unrecognized and underreported. *Journal of Trauma*, 54, 352-55.

Developer: Kim Feldhaus, Jane Koziol-McLain, Holly Amsbury, Ilena Norton, Steven Lowenstein, and Jean Abbott

Publication year: 1997

Administration method: Clinician administered.

Scoring procedures: Feldhaus et al. (1997) report the following:

A “yes” response to the physical violence question was considered positive for partner violence if the perpetrator was a current or former spouse or other intimate partner. For the safety questions, women who reported feeling unsafe because of a current or past partner and those who were unsure about their safety were considered positive for partner violence...A positive response to any 1 of the 3 questions constitutes a positive screen for partner violence.

Follow-up procedures: All positive screens should be documented in the medical record, and the patient should be offered support, counseling, and referrals to safe shelters. A plan to ensure their future safety should be created (Feldhaus et al. 1997).

Index Reference:

Feldhaus KM, Koziol-McLain J, Amsbury HL, Norton IM, Lowenstein SR., Abbot JT. (1997). Accuracy of 3 brief screening questions for detecting partner violence in the emergency department. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 277, 1357-61.

Additional References:

Davis JW, Parks SN, Kaups KL, Bennink LD, Bilello JF. (2003). Victims of domestic violence on the trauma service: Unrecognized and underreported. *Journal of Trauma*, 54, 352-55.

Morrison LJ, Allan R, Grunfeld A. (2000). Improving the emergency department detection rate of domestic violence using direct questioning. *The Journal of Emergency Medicine*, 19, 117-24.

## Patient Satisfaction and Safety Survey (PSSS)

1. Did you come to the emergency department today because you were hurt by your current or former husband, boyfriend, or partner?
2. Within the past year, have you been pushed, shoved, hit, slapped, kicked, or otherwise hurt by a current or former husband, boyfriend, or partner?
3. Within the past year, has your current or former husband, boyfriend, or partner forced you to have sexual activities?
4. Have you ever been emotionally or physically abused by your current or former husband, boyfriend, or partner?

Note. The original PSSS also contained 14 other items about demographics, whether patients were screened for IPV, mandatory reporting, and their perception of the medical care received from the ED staff.

Reprinted from *Journal of Emergency Nursing*, 27, Glass N, Dearwater S, Campbell J., Intimate partner violence screening and intervention: Data from eleven Pennsylvania and California community hospital emergency departments, 141-9, Copyright 2001, with permission from Emergency Nurses Association.

Developer: Nancy Glass, Stephen Dearwater, and Jacquelyn Campbell

Publication year: 2001

Administration method: Self report.

Scoring procedures: This information is not available.

Follow-up procedures: Best practice interventions are recommended. These include legal interventions, assessment of physical and psychological consequences of abuse, and referral to appropriate community resources (Glass, Dearwater & Campbell 2001).

Index Reference:

Glass N, Dearwater S, Campbell J. (2001). Intimate partner violence screening and intervention: Data from eleven Pennsylvania and California community hospital emergency departments. *Journal of Emergency Nursing*, 27, 141-9.

## RADAR

The acronym “RADAR” summarizes action steps physicians should take in recognizing and treating victims of partner violence.

**R**emember to ask routinely about partner violence in your own practice.

**A**sk directly about violence with such questions as, “At any time, has a partner hit, kicked, or otherwise hurt or frightened you?” Interview your patient in private at all times.

**D**ocument information about “suspected domestic violence” or “partner violence” in the patient’s office.

**A**ssess your patient’s safety. Is it safe for her to return home? Find out if any weapons are kept in the house, if the children are in danger, and if the violence is escalating.

**R**eview options with your patient. Know about the types of referral options (e.g., shelters, support groups, legal advocates).

Note. There is another version of the RADAR screening tool (called RADAR/SA) that also assesses for sexual assault with the following question: “Have you ever been sexually assaulted or involved in sexual acts against your will?”

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Developer: RADAR was developed by the Massachusetts Medical Society. The sexual assault question was developed by Dr. Wanda Filer.

Publication year: 1992, 1996, 1999, 2004

Administration method: Physician administered.

Scoring procedures: This information is not available.

Follow-up procedures: This information is included in the screening tool.

Index Reference:

Alpert EJ. (Ed.) (2004). Partner violence: How to recognize and treat victims of abuse, Fourth Edition. Waltham, MA: Massachusetts Medical Society.

Additional Reference:

Alpert EJ. (1995). Violence in intimate relationships and the practicing internist: New “disease” or new agenda? *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 123, 774-81.

## RADAR for Men: A Domestic Violence Intervention

R=Routine inquiry

A=Always ask

D=Document findings

A=Assess safety and lethality

R=Respond

Domestic violence (DV) remains a common problem encountered by clinicians in the practice of medicine. Traditionally, screening for DV has focused on female victims. This approach ignores the reality that men are commonly involved in DV, both as perpetrators and victims.

DV is a risk to your patient's health. A lack of provider interest in a patient's health risks communicates to the patient that the status quo is acceptable. Screening for DV must provoke a helpful, positive response which does not humiliate or punish, but which focuses on improving the health, well-being and safety of **all** our patients. Asking men about DV is a way to protect women, children and men from the consequences of DV.

### **R= Routine inquiry of all male patients 14 and older**

Some patients will not volunteer information concerning the presence of DV, but will talk freely about it when asked. Asking your male patients about domestic violence should be a routine part of medical care, whether the patient appears to be involved in DV or not. We expect health care providers to ask their male patients at a first visit and on a yearly basis.

In addition to routine inquiry, providers should ask about DV whenever patients present with risk factors such as substance abuse; PTSD; financial stressors such as job loss or foreclosure; unexplained bruises or injuries; or depression. Abuse may increase during pregnancy; partners of pregnant women should be asked about DV.

### **A=Always ask**

Below are several questions you might ask your patient to assess his involvement in a violent relationship. You may also want to notify the patient of exceptions to confidentiality. Specifically, if children are being harmed, you will have to involve the appropriate authority in your municipality; and if your questions discover an imminent risk to your patient or someone else, you will have to involve the police.

Providers have their own personal style, and this will affect how you ask your patients. The exact wording is not that important; what is important is that you ask. Patients report being more comfortable with health care providers who ask in a non-judgmental fashion and who appear to be genuinely interested in their well-being.

“Are you in a relationship in which you are being hurt or threatened?”

“Have you ever used any kind of physical force against your partner?”

“Has your partner ever pushed, grabbed, slapped, choked, or hit you?”

“Have you ever done that to her/him?”

“Has your partner ever forced you to have sex or perform sexual acts which you did not want to do?”

“Have you done that to her/him?”

Some providers and patients are more comfortable with questions that assess the nature of the relationship first.

“How would you characterize your relationship with your partner?”

“All people argue. How do you and your partner handle disagreements or fights?”

“Do your fights ever become physical?”

If a patient admits to DV, it may be difficult to determine whether the patient is primarily the victim or the perpetrator. Your response and advice are based to a great extent on the balance of power and control in the relationship. The following questions may help to further define the patient’s role in the relationship.

“Does your partner put you down or make you feel bad about yourself?”

“Do you do that to her/him?”

“Are you afraid of your partner?” “Is he/she afraid of you?”

“Has your partner stopped you from going places or seeing people?”

“Have you done that to her/him?”

“Who controls financial decisions in your relationship?”

“Do you share decisions over financial matters?”

“Has your partner threatened to call immigration and have you deported?”

“Have you done that to her/him?”

If the patient answers “Yes” to either being a perpetrator or victim of DV, see what to do under the “**Respond**” section below, and then continue with the following steps.

### **D=Document findings**

Document in the chart that you asked about DV, and what the patient said. If the patient denies DV, it is important to document that you asked, as this is widely becoming a standard of care. If the patient admits to being involved in DV, document his story. Use quotation marks to document exact words. Note what injuries, if any, you observed. State your assessment of the potential for future violence including threats made. Describe safety and follow-up plans including your next scheduled appointment. Document that you asked about safety of children in the home.



## **A=Assess for safety and lethality**

We can never totally predict who will do harm to their partner, but there are some questions you can ask to help assess the current situation.

### **If your patient acknowledges being a victim of domestic violence:**

Is it safe for him to go home today?

Is he being stalked?

Has there been an increase in the frequency or severity of violence?

Are there weapons easily accessible to the perpetrator?

Have there been threats of homicide or suicide to him, the children, and/or pets?

### **If your patient admits to being a perpetrator:**

Has there been an increase in the frequency or severity of violence?

Is your patient tracking his partner's behavior without his/her knowledge?

Are there weapons easily accessible to him?

Has there been prior contact with the police? Is there a Protection From Abuse Order?

Are issues such as substance abuse, depression, or mental illness exacerbating his behavior?

Should you consider contacting the victim?

It is important to identify whether there are children in the home and whether or not the children are being harmed. If you have evidence that the children are being harmed, you have a moral and legal obligation to involve the appropriate agency in your municipality.

If your patient discloses intent to imminently harm a named victim, you may have a duty to warn that person. Case law in California established that the provider who has reason to believe that someone may be at risk for injury from his/her client has a duty to initiate contact with that person to warn the victim. It is important for sites to develop and implement policies that reflect existing statutes, protect victims of DV, and protect patient confidentiality.

## **R=Respond**

A general statement should first be made: "Being in a violent relationship affects the health and well-being, of you, your partner, your children and your community. This kind of stress can worsen illness, and depression, and increase substance abuse and absence from work. This is hard, complicated and will take time to work out."

### **If your patient is a victim of DV, you can respond as follows:**

Encourage him to talk about it:

"Would you like to talk about what has happened to you? Would you like some help?"

*Validate his experience and emphasize the risk of violence to his and his families' health and well-being.*

"Many people feel that only women are victims of domestic violence, but we know that it can happen to anyone, including men. No one deserves to be treated this way."

"If you're being hurt, your kids are being hurt, too."

If the patient does not need immediate assistance, offer information about resources in the community.

“I can put you in touch with someone who can help you.”

Acknowledge that change is a process, and follow the situation over time:

“I am glad you told me about this, and I want to help you to stay healthy and safe. Let’s make sure we bring this up at the next visit.”

**If your patient acknowledges being a perpetrator of DV, you can respond as follows:**

Positively reinforce the patient’s telling you about this, and reframe the issue as a health issue.

“I am glad you told me about this. I’d like to spend some time talking about this because I am concerned about your health and safety. Do you feel that this behavior is affecting your health in any way?”

*Make it clear that you do not condone this behavior.*

“I strongly believe that violence is not an acceptable way to resolve disputes. The behavior you describe is dangerous and illegal.”

*Remind the patient of the consequences of his abusive behavior.*

“This situation puts at risk everything you care about - your health, the health of your partner and children, your freedom, your job. You must stop the violence and stay away from your family if you have an urge to use force. You could be arrested and convicted for hurting your partner. Also, your kids are learning from your behavior.”

*Offer hope that the patient can change his behavior and offer appropriate referrals.*

“You can do something about this. Are you interested in help to change your behavior? Do you have friends or family you can turn to for help with this? Can your faith help you? I know some community programs for men that can help.”

*Recognize that change is a process, and follow the pattern of behavior over time.*

“Again, I am glad you told me about this. I want to help you to stay healthy and safe. Let’s make sure we bring this up at the next visit.”

**Make referrals and schedule a follow-up appointment.**

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Publication year: 2004

Administration method: Physician administered.

Scoring procedures: This information is not available.

Follow-up procedures: This information is included in the screening tool.

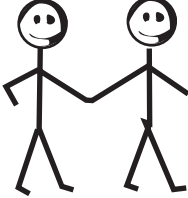
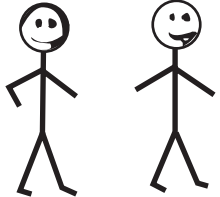
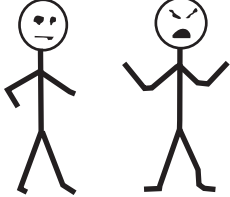
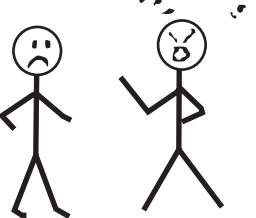
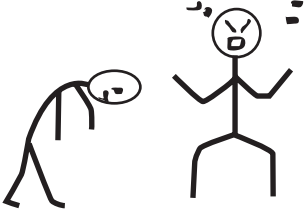
Index Reference:

Jaeger JR. (2004). *RADAR for Men* [teaching protocol]. Philadelphia, PA: Institute for Safe Families.

## The Relationship Chart

DURING THE PAST 4 WEEKS, HOW OFTEN HAVE PROBLEMS IN YOUR HOUSHOLD LED TO:

- INSULTING OR SWEARING?
- YELLING?
- THREATENING?
- HITTING OR PUSHING?

<b>None of the Time</b>	
<b>A Little of the Time</b>	
<b>Some of the Time</b>	
<b>Most of the Time</b>	
<b>All of the Time</b>	

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Publication year: 2000

Administration method: Self report.

Scoring procedures: Items are scored on a 5-point scale:

- 1 = None of the time
- 2 = A little of the time
- 3 = Some of the time
- 4 = Most of the time
- 5 = All of the time

Follow-up procedures: If a woman indicates that she has experienced an abusive relationship at least some of the time in the past 4 weeks, more direct inquiry about the nature of the abuse is indicated (Wasson et al. 2000).

Index Reference:

Wasson JH, Jette AM, Anderson J, Johnson DJ, Nelson EC, Kilo CM. (2000). Routine, single-item screening to identify abusive relationships in women. *The Journal of Family Practice*, 49, 1017-22.

## Screening Tools-Domestic Violence

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Because violence is so common in many women's lives and because there is help available for women being abused, I now ask every patient about domestic violence:

1. Within the past year - or since you have become pregnant - have you been hit, slapped, kicked, or otherwise physically hurt by someone?
2. Are you in a relationship with a person who threatens or physically hurts you?
3. Has anyone forced you to have sexual activities that made you feel uncomfortable?

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Developer: American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Publication year: 2003

Administration method: Clinician administered.

Scoring procedures: This information is not available.

Follow-up procedures: Please see the ACOG website for more information.  
[www.acog.org/departments/dept\\_notice.cfm?recno=17&bulletin=585](http://www.acog.org/departments/dept_notice.cfm?recno=17&bulletin=585)

Index Reference:

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists (2003). Screening tools-domestic violence.  
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Retrieved August 8, 2006.

## STaT

(Slapped, Things, and Threaten)

**NOTE: This scale is available for purchase from Mary Ann Liebert, Inc.**

Developer: Anuradha Paranjape and Jane Liebschutz

Publication year: 2003

Administration method: Clinician administered.

Scoring procedures: A positive response to each item scores 1 point.

Follow-up procedures: This information is not available.

Index Reference:

Paranjape A. Liebschutz J. (2003). STaT: A three-question screen for intimate partner violence.  
*Journal of Women's Health*, 12, 233-9.

## Suggested Screening Questions

### *Framing Questions*

1. Because violence is so common in many people's lives, I've begun to ask all my patients about it.
2. I am concerned that your symptoms may have been caused by someone hurting you.
3. I don't know if this is (or ever has been) a problem for you, but many of the patients I see are dealing with abusive relationships. Some are too afraid or uncomfortable to bring it up themselves, so I've started asking about it routinely.

### *Direct Verbal Questions*

1. Are you in a relationship with a person who physically hurts you or threatens you?
2. Did someone cause these injuries? Was it your partner/husband?
3. Has your partner or ex-partner ever hit you or physically hurt you? Has he ever threatened to hurt you or someone close to you?
4. Do you feel controlled or isolated by your partner?
5. Do you ever feel afraid of your partner? Do you feel you are in danger?
6. Is it safe for you to go home?
7. Has your partner ever forced you to have sex when you didn't want to? Has your partner ever refused to practice safe sex?
8. Has any of this happened to you in a previous relationship?

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Scoring procedures: This information is not available.

Follow-up procedures: Clinicians should assess 1) the impact of the abuse on the patient's health, and 2) the pattern and history of the abuse. Clinicians also need to provide 1) validation, 2) information about domestic violence, 3) referrals to local resources, and 4) information about safety planning. See the National Consensus Guidelines (2002) for more detailed information.



Index Reference:

Family Violence Prevention Fund (2002, September). *National consensus guidelines on identifying and responding to domestic violence victimization in health care settings*. San Francisco, CA: Author. [www.endabuse.org/programs/healthcare/files/Consensus.pdf](http://www.endabuse.org/programs/healthcare/files/Consensus.pdf)

## Two-Question Screening Tool

1. Have you ever been hit, slapped, kicked, or otherwise physically hurt by your male partner?  
(If yes, ask date of last episode)
2. Have you ever been forced to have sexual activities?  
(If yes, ask date of last episode)

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Developer: Judith McFarlane, Lyn Greenberg, Arlo Weltge, and Mary Watson

Publication year: 1995

Administration method: Nurse administered.

Scoring procedures: A woman is considered abused if she gives a positive response to either question.

Follow-up procedures: All women who participated were offered an informational brochure on abuse. Women who are identified as abused need to be further assessed for level of personal danger. A safety plan should be discussed with them, and they should receive information regarding abuse and community resources (McFarlane et al. 1995).

Index Reference:

McFarlane J, Greenberg L, Weltge A, Watson M. (1995). Identification of abuse in emergency departments: Effectiveness of a two-question screening tool. *Journal of Emergency Nursing*, 21, 391-4.

# Universal Violence Prevention Screening Protocol

## Introduction:

1. These days many people are exposed to violence in some form.
2. Violence is a health risk and can result in physical and emotional problems.
3. It is our routine procedure to ask adult patients about their exposure to violence.
4. If you are a violence victim, we can better help you if we know it.

	Last 12 months		If "yes" to 12 Months, Last 1 Month?	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
1. In the past 12 months...has anyone <b>threatened</b> you with or <b>actually used</b> a knife or gun to <b>scare or hurt</b> you?	Yes	No	Yes	No
2. ... <b>choked, kicked, bit, or punched</b> you?	Yes	No	Yes	No
3. ... <b>slapped, pushed, grabbed, or shoved</b> you?	Yes	No	Yes	No
4. ...forced or coerced you to have sex?	Yes	No	Yes	No
5. ...have you been <b>afraid</b> that a current or former intimate partner would hurt you physically?	Yes	No	Yes	No
6. What is your relationship with the person who has hurt you?				
___ Current or former intimate partner				
___ Other family member				
___ Acquaintance or friend				
___ Coworker				
___ Stranger				
___ Other (specify)				
7. Have the <b>police</b> been notified within the <b>last month</b> about any of these experiences?				
			YES	NO

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Developer: Mary Ann Dutton, Barbara Mitchell, and Yolanda Haywood

Publication year: 1996

Administration method: Nurse administered.

Scoring procedures: This information is not available.

Follow-up procedures: A positive score for any of the items signals the need for further risk assessment.

Index Reference:

Dutton MA, Mitchell B, Haywood Y. (1996). The emergency department as a violence prevention center. *Journal of American Medical Women's Association*, 51, 92-6.

## Universal Violence Prevention Screening Protocol - Adapted

Have you been in a relationship with a partner in the past year? (Yes/No)

**If yes, within the past year has a partner:**

(a) Slapped, kicked, pushed, choked, or punched you? (Yes/No)

(b) Forced or coerced you to have sex? (Yes/No)

(c) Threatened you with a knife or gun to scare or hurt you? (Yes/No)

(d) Made you afraid that you could be physically hurt? (Yes/No)

(e) Repeatedly used words, yelled, or screamed in a way that frightened you, threatened you, put you down, or made you feel rejected? (Yes/No)

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Developer: Sheryl Heron, Martie P. Thompson, Emily Jackson, and Nadine Kaslow

Publication year: 2003

Administration method: Clinician administered or self report.

Scoring procedures: This information is not available.

Follow-up procedures: This information is not available.

Index Reference:

Heron SL, Thompson MP, Jackson E, Kaslow NJ. (2003). Do responses to an intimate partner violence screen predict scores on a comprehensive measure of intimate partner violence in low-income black women? *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, 42, 483-91.

## Victimization Assessment Tool

1. Have you been troubled or injured by any kind of abuse or violence (e.g., hit by partner, forced sex)?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Not sure \_\_\_\_\_ Refused \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, check one:

By someone in your family \_\_\_\_\_

By an acquaintance or stranger \_\_\_\_\_

Describe:

2. If yes, has something like this ever happened before?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe:

3. Do you have anyone you can turn to or rely on now to protect you from possible further injury?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you feel so badly now that you have thought of hurting yourself/suicide?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what have you thought about doing?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Are you so angry about what's happened that you have considered hurting someone else?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, describe briefly: \_\_\_\_\_

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Developer: Lee Ann Hoff and Linda Rosenbaum

Publication year: 1994

Administration method: Clinician administered.

Scoring procedures: According to Hoff and Rosenbaum (1994), individuals are classified into one of the following risk groups based on the degree of victimization:

- 1 = No experience of physical violence or abuse.
- 2 = Experience of abuse/violence with minor physical and/or emotional trauma (e.g., verbal arguments that occasionally escalate to pushing and shoving or mild slapping. History may include past victimization that is no longer problematic.)
- 3 = Experience of abuse/violence with moderate physical and/or emotional trauma (e.g., abused several times a month in recent years resulting in moderate trauma or emotional distress. No threat to life, no weapons available. History may include past victimization that is still somewhat problematic.)
- 4 = Experience of abuse/violence with severe physical and/or emotional trauma (e.g., violently attacked or physically abused in recent years, resulting in physical injury requiring medical treatment. Threats to kill, no guns available. History may include serious victimization requiring medical and/or physical treatment.)
- 5 = Life-threatening or prolonged abuse/violence with very severe physical and/or emotional trauma (e.g., recent or current life-threatening physical abuse, potentially lethal assault or threats with available deadly weapons. History may include severe abuse requiring medical treatment, frequent or ongoing sexual abuse, recent rape, other physical attack requiring extensive medical treatment.)

Follow-up procedures: If rating is Level 2 or above on the assessment scale, clinician should discuss with client and recommend referral to victim care specialist for full assessment and follow-up care.

Index Reference:

Hoff LA, Rosenbaum L. (1994). A victimization assessment tool: Instrument development and clinical implications. *Journal of Advanced Nursing*, 20, 627-34.

## Woman Abuse Screening Tool (WAST)

1. In general, how would you describe your relationship?
  - A lot of tension
  - Some tension
  - No tension
2. Do you and your partner work out arguments with:
  - Great difficulty?
  - Some difficulty?
  - No difficulty?
3. Do arguments ever result in you feeling down or bad about yourself?
  - Often
  - Sometimes
  - Never
4. Do arguments ever result in hitting, kicking or pushing?
  - Often
  - Sometimes
  - Never
5. Do you ever feel frightened by what your partner says or does?
  - Often
  - Sometimes
  - Never
6. Has your partner ever abused you physically?
  - Often
  - Sometimes
  - Never
7. Has your partner ever abused you emotionally?
  - Often
  - Sometimes
  - Never
8. Has your partner ever abused you sexually?
  - Often
  - Sometimes
  - Never



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Developer: Judith Belle Brown, Barbara Lent, Gail Schmidt, and George Sas

Publication year: 2000

Administration method: Self report.

Scoring procedures: Recode responses to reflect a higher score for higher reported frequency of experiences and sum the WAST scores for individuals who answered all 8 items.

Follow-up procedures: This information is not available.

Index Reference:

Brown JB, Lent B, Schmidt G, Sas G. (2000). Application of the woman abuse screening tool (WAST) and WAST-short in the family practice setting. *The Journal of Family Practice*, 49, 896-903.

Additional References:

Brown JB, Lent B, Brett PJ, Sas G, Pederson LL. (1996). Development of the Woman Abuse Screening Tool for use in family practice. *Family Medicine*, 28, 422-28.

Punukollu M. (2003). Domestic violence: Screening made practical. *The Journal of Family Practice*, 52, 537-43.

Valente SM. (2002). Evaluating intimate partner violence. *Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners*, 14, 505-13.

## Woman Abuse Screening Tool (WAST) - Short

1. In general, how would you describe your relationship?
  - A lot of tension
  - Some tension
  - No tension
2. Do you and your partner work out arguments with:
  - Great difficulty?
  - Some difficulty?
  - No difficulty?

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Developer: Judith Belle Brown, Barbara Lent, Pamela J. Brett, George Sas, and Linda L. Pederson

Publication year: 1996

Administration method: Self report.

Scoring procedures: Assign a score of 1 to the most extreme positive response (“a lot of tension”) and a score of 0 to other response options. Scores range from 0 to 2 and criterion cut-off score is 1.

Follow-up procedures: According to the authors, if a woman answers affirmatively to these two questions, the physician can then use the remaining WAST questions or other appropriate questions to elicit more information about the patient’s experience of abuse. This can ultimately lead to an assessment of additional factors such as history of prior abuse, extent and severity of abuse, sources of support, need for legal assistance, and information about available community resources (Brown, et al., 1996).

Index Reference:

Brown JB, Lent B, Brett PJ, Sas G, Pederson LL. (1996). Development of the Woman Abuse Screening Tool for use in family practice. *Family Medicine*, 28, 422 -28.

Additional References:

Brown JB, Lent B, Schmidt G, Sas G. (2000). Application of the woman abuse screening tool (WAST) and WAST-short in the family practice setting. *The Journal of Family Practice*, 49, 896-903.

Punukollu M. (2003). Domestic violence: Screening made practical. *The Journal of Family Practice*, 52, 537-43.

Valente SM. (2002). Evaluating intimate partner violence. *Journal of the American Academy of Nurse Practitioners*, 14, 505-13.

## Pruebas De La Violencia Contra La Mujer

(Women Abuse Screening Tool (WAST), Spanish Version)

1. En general, como describiría usted su relación con su pareja?
  - Mucha tension
  - Alguna tension
  - Sin tension
2. Usted y su pareja resuelven sus discusiones (argumentos) con...
  - Mucha dificultad
  - Alguna dificultad
  - Sin dificultad
3. Al terminar las discusiones usted se siente decalda o mal con usted misma?
  - Muchas veces
  - A veces
  - Nunca
4. Las discusiones terminan en golpes, patadas, o empujones?
  - Muchas veces
  - A veces
  - Nunca
5. Siente miedo de lo que su pareja diga o haga?
  - Muchas veces
  - A veces
  - Nunca
6. Su pareja ha abusado de usted fisicamente?
  - Muchas veces
  - A veces
  - Nunca
7. Su pareja ha abusado de usted emocionalmente?
  - Muchas veces
  - A veces
  - Nunca
8. Su pareja ha abusado de usted sexualmente?
  - Muchas veces
  - A veces
  - Nunca

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Developer: Colleen T. Fogerty and Judith Belle Brown

Publication year: 2002

Administration method: Self report.

Scoring procedures: This information is not available.

Follow-up procedures: This information is not available.

Index Reference:

Fogarty CT, Brown JB. (2002). Screening for abuse in Spanish-speaking women. *Journal of the American Board of Family Practitioners*, 15, 101-11.

## Women's Experience with Battering Scale (WEB)

Following are a number of statements that women have used to describe their relationships with their "male partners." Please read each statement and then circle the answer that best describes how much you agree or disagree in general with each one as a description of your relationship with your "partner." If you do not now have a partner, think about your last one. There are no right or wrong answers; just circle the number that seems to best describe how much you agree or disagree with it.

Description of how your partner makes you feel:	Agree strongly	Agree somewhat	Agree a little	Disagree a little	Disagree somewhat	Disagree strongly
1. He makes me feel unsafe even in my own home	6	5	4	3	2	1
2. I feel ashamed of the things he does to me	6	5	4	3	2	1
3. I try not to rock the boat because I am afraid of what he might do	6	5	4	3	2	1
4. I feel like I am programmed to react in a certain way to him	6	5	4	3	2	1
5. I feel like he keeps me prisoner	6	5	4	3	2	1
6. He makes me feel like I have no control over my life, no power, no protection	6	5	4	3	2	1
7. I hide the truth from others because I am afraid not to	6	5	4	3	2	1
8. I feel owned and controlled by him	6	5	4	3	2	1
9. He can scare me without laying a hand on me	6	5	4	3	2	1
10. He has a look that goes straight through me and terrifies me	6	5	4	3	2	1

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Developer: Paige Hall Smith, Irene Tessaro, and Jo Anne Earp

Publication year: 1995

Administration method: Self report.

Scoring procedures: Reverse score and then add the responses for all items. Range of scores is 10 to 60. A score of 20 or higher is a positive screening test for battering (Coker et al. 2002; Punukollu 2003).

Follow-up procedures: This information is not available.

Index Reference:

Smith PH, Tessaro I, Earp JA. (1995). Women's experiences with battering: A conceptualization from qualitative research. *Women's Health Issues, 5*, 173-82.

Additional References:

Smith PH, Thornton GE, DeVellis R, Earp JA, Coker AI. (2002). A population-based study of the prevalence and distinctiveness of battering, physical assault, and sexual assault in intimate partner relationships. *Violence Against Women, 8*, 1208-32.

Coker AL, Bethea L, Smith PH, Fadden MK, Brandt HM. (2002). Missed opportunities: Intimate partner violence in family practice settings. *Preventive Medicine, 34*, 445-54.

Punukollu, M. (2003). Domestic violence: Screening made practical. *The Journal of Family Practice, 52*, 537-43.

## Work/School Abuse Scale

The following questions are about things that \_\_\_\_\_ (ABUSER'S NAME) may have done to bother you at work or to keep you from going to work. During your relationship with \_\_\_\_\_ did he ever....

- |                                                                        |     |    |     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|-----|
| 1. Come to your work to harass you?                                    | YES | NO | N/A |
| 2. Bother your coworkers?                                              | YES | NO | N/A |
| 3. Lie to your coworkers about you?                                    | YES | NO | N/A |
| 4. Sabotage the car so you couldn't go to work?                        | YES | NO | N/A |
| 5. Not show up for childcare so you couldn't go to work?               | YES | NO | N/A |
| 6. Steal your keys or money so you couldn't go to work?                | YES | NO | N/A |
| 7. Refuse to give you a ride to work?                                  | YES | NO | N/A |
| 8. Physically restrain you from going to work?                         | YES | NO | N/A |
| 9. Threaten you to prevent your going to work?                         | YES | NO | N/A |
| 10. Physically force you to leave work?                                | YES | NO | N/A |
| 11. Lie about your children's health or safety to make you leave work? | YES | NO | N/A |
| 12. Threaten you to make you leave work?                               | YES | NO | N/A |

The following questions are about things that \_\_\_\_\_ (ABUSER'S NAME) may have done to bother you at school or to keep you from going to school. During your relationship with \_\_\_\_\_ did he ever....

- |                                                                          |     |    |     |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----|-----|
| 1. Come to school to harass you?                                         | YES | NO | N/A |
| 2. Bother your school friends or teachers?                               | YES | NO | N/A |
| 3. Lie to your friends/teachers about you?                               | YES | NO | N/A |
| 4. Sabotage the car so you couldn't go to school?                        | YES | NO | N/A |
| 5. Not show up for childcare so you couldn't go to school?               | YES | NO | N/A |
| 6. Steal your keys or money so you couldn't go to school?                | YES | NO | N/A |
| 7. Refuse to give you a ride to school?                                  | YES | NO | N/A |
| 8. Physically restrain you from going to school?                         | YES | NO | N/A |
| 9. Threaten you to prevent your going to school?                         | YES | NO | N/A |
| 10. Physically force you to leave school?                                | YES | NO | N/A |
| 11. Lie about your children's health or safety to make you leave school? | YES | NO | N/A |
| 12. Threaten you to make you leave school?                               | YES | NO | N/A |

Developer: Stephanie Riger, Courtney Ahrens, and Amy Blickenstaff

Publication year: 2001

Administration method: Self-report.

Scoring procedures: There are two subscales. The Restraint Tactics Subscale contains 6 items that assess the use of tactics that prevent the respondent from going to work or school and includes items 4-9. The Interference Tactics Subscale contains 6 items that assess the use of tactics aimed at making the respondent leave work or school and includes items 1-3 and 10-12. Items are scored as yes = 1, no = 0.

Follow-up procedures: This information is not available.

Index Reference:

Riger S, Ahrens C, Blickenstaff A. (2001). Measuring interference with employment and education reported by women with abusive partners: Preliminary data. In D. O'Leary and R. Maiuro (Eds.), *Psychological abuse in violent domestic relations* (pp. 119 -33). New York, NY: Springer Publishing Co.

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**SECTION B.  
SEXUAL VIOLENCE (SV)**

## DESCRIPTION OF SV MEASURES

Scale/Assessment	Characteristics	Administration Method	Populations Studied*
			*This list is not exhaustive.
Abuse Assessment Screen (AAS)	5 items assess frequency and perpetrator of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse by anyone. Body map to document area of injury.	Clinician administered	Abused pregnant and nonpregnant African-American, Hispanic, and white women in health and prenatal clinics and emergency departments.
AAS - Spanish Version	5 items assess frequency and perpetrator of physical, sexual, and emotional abuse by anyone. Body map to document area of injury.	Clinician administered	Abused pregnant and nonpregnant African-American, Hispanic, and white women in health and prenatal clinics and emergency departments.
Computer Based Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Questionnaire	14 items assess physical and emotional IPV, suicidal ideation, perpetration, sexual violence victimization, and access to handguns.	Self report via a computer in emergency department	African-American and white men and women in emergency departments.
Minnesota Tool	13 items and color-coded stickers assess physical, emotional, and sexual IPV.	Self report	Women and men in a community hospital setting.
RADAR	5 areas to help physicians recognize and discuss physical IPV and safety. One added item on SV by any perpetrator.	Physician administered	Female and male patients in health care settings.
SAVE: A Tool for Screening for Sexual Assault	4 areas assist health care workers in Screening Asking, Validating, and Evaluating patients for sexual assault.	Clinician administered	English-speaking women and men in health care settings.
SAVE - Spanish Version	4 areas assist health care workers in Screening Asking, Validating, and Evaluating patients for sexual assault.	Clinician administered	Spanish-speaking women and men in health care settings.
Screening Tools-Domestic Violence	3 items; 2 assess physical and sexual violence by anyone; 1 assesses physical IPV.	Clinician administered	Female patients in health care settings.
Screening Tools-Sexual Assault	5 items assess sexual assault and knowledge of ways to reduce risk of assault.	Clinician administered	Teenage and adult women in primary care clinics.
Sexual and Physical Abuse History Questionnaire	6 items assess child or adult sexual abuse; 4 items assess child or adult physical abuse.	Self report	African-American and white women in a gastroenterology clinic.

	Reliability/Validity	Sensitivity/Specificity	Developer	Articles
	Test/retest reliability across the same trimester for pregnant women: 83%.	Sensitivity: 93%; Specificity: 55%. (The Index of Spouse Abuse [ISA] is used as the gold standard.)	McFarlane, Parker, Soeken, & Bullock, 1992	Norton, Peipert, Zierler, Lima, & Hume, 1995; Soeken, McFarlane, Parker, & Lominack, 1998; Weiss, Ernst, Cham, & Nick, 2003
	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable	Unavailable
	Unavailable	Unavailable	Rhodes, Lauderdale, He, Howes, & Levinson, 2002	Heron & Kellermann, 2002
	Unavailable	Unavailable	md4peace@earthlink.net	Family Violence Prevention Fund, 2003
	Unavailable	Unavailable	Alpert, 2004	Alpert, 1995
	Unavailable	Unavailable	Stevens & New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault, 2003	Unavailable
	Unavailable	Unavailable	Stevens & New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault, 2003	Unavailable
	Unavailable	Unavailable	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 2003	Unavailable
	Unavailable	Unavailable	American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, 2003	Unavailable
	Test/retest reliability for sexual abuse items: 81%.	Sensitivity for sexual abuse was 71% at time 1; 88% at time 2; Specificity for sexual abuse was 91% at time 1; 85% at time 2. (The structured abuse interview is used as the gold standard.)	Leserman, Drossman, & Li, 1995	Unavailable

## DESCRIPTION OF SV MEASURES

Scale/Assessment	Characteristics	Administration Method	Populations Studied*
			*This list is not exhaustive.
Two-Question Screening Tool	2 items; 1 assesses physical IPV; 1 assesses SV.	Clinician administered	African-American, Hispanic, and white women in public and private emergency departments.
Universal Violence Prevention Screening Protocol	7 items assess physical violence and SV by anyone and fear of harm by an intimate partner in the last year and last month.	Nurse administered	Women and men in emergency departments.
Universal Violence Prevention Screening Protocol - Adapted	6 items; 1 screener and 5 items assess physical, sexual, and emotional IPV in the last year.	Clinician administered or self report	Low income African-American women in emergency departments.
Victimization Assessment Tool	5 items assess physical IPV, SV, suicidal ideation, and risk of hurting others.	Clinician administered	Women and men in primary care settings.

	Reliability/Validity	Sensitivity/Specificity	Developer	Articles
	Unavailable	Unavailable	McFarlane, Greenberg, Weltge, & Watson, 1995	Unavailable
	Unavailable	Unavailable	Dutton, Mitchell, & Haywood, 1996	Unavailable
	Unavailable	Sensitivity: 31%-95% (The ISA physical and nonphysical scale is used as the gold standard.)	Heron, Thompson, Jackson, & Kaslow, 2003	Unavailable
	Inter-rater agreement: 61.7%-86.7% for women patients.	Unavailable	Hoff & Rosenbaum, 1994	Unavailable

## Abuse Assessment Screen

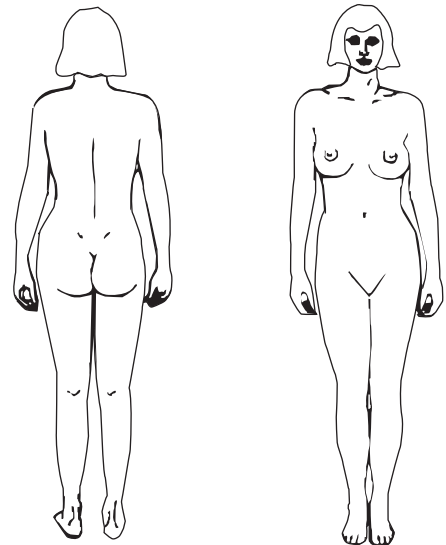
Instructions: Circle Yes or No for each question

- Have you ever been emotionally or physically abused by your partner or someone important to you? YES NO
- Within the last year**, have you been hit, slapped, kicked or otherwise physically hurt by someone? YES NO  
If YES, who? (Circle all that apply)  
Husband Ex-Husband Boyfriend Stranger Other Multiple  
Total no. of times \_\_\_\_\_
- Since you've been pregnant**, have you been slapped, kicked or otherwise physically hurt by someone? YES NO  
If YES, who? (Circle all that apply)  
Husband Ex-Husband Boyfriend Stranger Other Multiple  
Total no. of times \_\_\_\_\_

Mark the area of injury on the body map. Score each incident according to the following scale:

### SCORE

- Threats of abuse including use of weapon \_\_\_\_\_
- Slapping, pushing; no injuries and/or lasting pain \_\_\_\_\_
- Punching, kicking, bruises, cuts, and/or continuing pain \_\_\_\_\_
- Beating up, severe contusions, burns, broken bones \_\_\_\_\_
- Head injury, internal injury, permanent injury \_\_\_\_\_
- Use of weapon; wound from weapon \_\_\_\_\_



- Within the last year, has anyone forced you to have sexual activities? YES NO  
If YES, who? (Circle all that apply)  
Husband Ex-Husband Boyfriend Stranger Other Multiple  
Total no. of times \_\_\_\_\_
- Are you afraid of your partner or anyone you listed above? YES NO

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Journal of the American Medical Association, 1992, 267, 3176-78.

Developer: Judith McFarlane, Barbara Parker, Karen Soeken, & Linda Bullock



Publication year: 1992

Administration method: Provide a private and confidential setting. Inform each woman that all women attending this clinic are assessed for abuse. Read the Abuse Assessment Screen (AAS) question to the woman.

Scoring procedures: If any questions on the screen are answered affirmatively, the AAS is considered positive for abuse (Weiss et al. 2003).

Follow-up procedures: Document the abuse and respect the woman's response to the questions. If a woman reports physical abuse, give her a pencil and have her mark the areas of abuse on the body map (Soeken et al. 1998). At a minimum, all agencies should offer patient's referral sources, and legal options (Soeken et al. 1998).

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## Encuesta Sobre El Maltrato

(Abuse Assessment Screen, Spanish Version)

1. Durante el ultimo ano, fue golpeada, bofetada, pateada, o lastimada fisicamente de alguna otra manera por alguien? SI NO

Si la respuesta es "si" por quien(es) \_\_\_\_\_

2. Desde que salio embarazada, ha sido golpeada, bofetada, pateada, o lastimada fisicamente de alguna otra manera por alguien? SI NO

Si la respuesta es "si" por quien(es) \_\_\_\_\_

En el diagrama anatomico marque las partes de su cuerpo que han sido lastimadas. Valore cada incidente usando las siguiente escala:

1 = Amenazas de maltrato que incluyen el use de un arma

2 = Bofetadas, empujones sin lesiones fisicas o dolor permanente

3 = Moquestas, patadas, moretones, heridas, y/o dolor continuo

4 = Molida a palos, contusiones severa, quemaduras fracturas de huesos

5 = Heridas en las cabeza, lesiones internal, lesiones permanentes

6 = Uso de armas; herida por arma

GRADO

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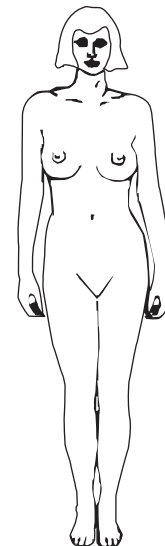
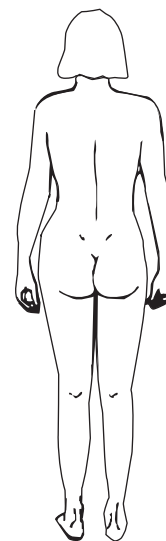
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Si cualquiera de las situaciones valora un numero alto en la escala.

3. Durante el ultimo ano, fue forzada a tener relaciones sexuales? SI NO

Si la respuesta es "si" por quien(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Cuantas veces? \_\_\_\_\_

## Computer-Based IPV Questionnaire

### Intimate Partner Violence Questions

#### *Possible emotional abuse*

- Do you have a partner or spouse who gets very jealous or tries to control your life? YES NO
- Does your partner or spouse try to keep you away from your family or friends? YES NO
- Does someone close to you sometimes say insulting things or threaten you? YES NO
- (Yes to at least one of the above emotional abuse questions?) YES NO

#### *Perception of safety*

- Is there someone you are afraid to disagree with because they might hurt you or other family members? YES NO

#### *Physical abuse in a current relationship*

- Are you in a relationship with someone who has pushed, hit, kicked, or otherwise physically hurt you? YES NO
- (Possible current intimate partner abuse?) YES NO
- (Yes to any of the above domestic violence questions?) YES NO

#### **Other violence-related questions**

- Have you ever physically hurt someone close to you? YES NO
- Are you worried that you might physically hurt someone close to you? YES NO
- In the past 12 months, have you ever felt so low that you thought about harming yourself or committing suicide? YES NO
- Have you ever been made to have sex when you didn't want to? YES NO
- Is there a handgun in your home or car? YES NO
- Have you ever witnessed or taken part in any argument or fight where someone had a gun or knife? YES NO

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Developer: Karin Rhodes, Diane Lauderdale, Theresa He, David Howes, and Wendy Levinson

Publication year: 2002

Administration method: Self-report via computer located in the emergency department (ED). Note that phrases in parentheses are intended for the individual reviewing the print out (e.g., nurse) and not the patient.

Scoring procedures: Patients answer each question "yes" or "no." If a patient responds affirmatively to questions about either emotional or physical abuse by a current partner, this is considered positive for IPV (Rhodes et al. 2002).

Follow-up procedures: After completing the computer-based questionnaire, patients are offered a printout to take with them, which lists their individualized health recommendations. The results of the patient survey are shared with the treating physician in the ED and the summary includes a physician prompt to assess for domestic violence if the patient has answered one or more of the IPV questions affirmatively. Community service, hotline numbers, and hospital-based social service resources are also provided to the patient (Rhodes et al. 2002).

Index Reference:

Rhodes KV, Lauderdale DS, He T, Howes DS, Levinson W (2002). "Between me and the computer": Increased detection of intimate partner violence using a computer questionnaire. *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, 40, 476-84.

Additional Reference:

Heron SL, Kellermann AL (2002). Screening for intimate partner violence in the emergency department: Where do we go from here? *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, 40, 493-95.

## Minnesota Tool

To our patients:

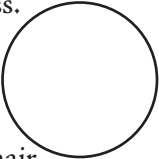
The staff at \*Anyplace\* Health Center know that many things happen in our lives that affect our physical and mental health. We have started a new program to find and help people who are now, or have been, in difficult or harmful relationships. Your response to this survey will help us make that program better. It's easy.

1. Please **read** the statements below.
2. **Decide** which group of statements fits your life best.
3. Then, **peel** off the sticker next to that group and put it on the **same** colored circle at the bottom of this page.

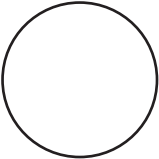
**Your answers will be kept confidential.**

If you do not wish to answer this survey, please return it without moving any of the stickers.  
If you have any comments, please let us know.

If any of the following statements applies to you, please attach the blue sticker to the bottom of the page. You do not need to identify your responses in any other way.

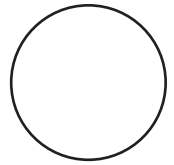
- ✦ I do not feel safe with my current partner.
  - ✦ My partner often puts me down, yells at me, calls me names, or tells me I'm worthless.
  - ✦ My partner is jealous, accuses me of being unfaithful, is suspicious of my activity.
  - ✦ My partner does not allow me to see my friends, make phone calls, or have money without his/her approval.
  - ✦ My partner has hit me, slapped me, kicked me, pushed me, punched me, pulled my hair or in some other way hurt me.
  - ✦ I am here today because of injuries caused by my partner.
  - ✦ My partner has hurt or threatened to hurt my pet(s).
  - ✦ I have had sex with my partner when I didn't want to, or performed sex acts that I didn't want to do.
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If the next group of statements apply to you, please attach the green sticker to the bottom of the page:

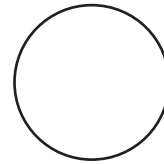
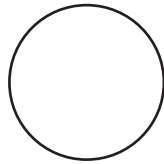
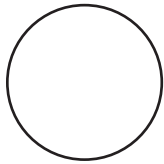
- ✦ I am in a healthy relationship.
  - ✦ I trust my partner to respect me and not to hurt me on purpose.
  - ✦ I feel safe with my current partner.
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Attach the yellow sticker if the following is true:

- None of the statements above applies to me
- I am not now in any close relationship with another person



Please place this survey in the envelope and give to the nurse or doctor when they come back. If you attached the blue sticker, one of our staff will give you a chance to talk privately about your answer.



Whether or not you are in a troubled relationship, we would like you to know about resources for people who are. If you know of a friend or relative who needs help, or feel you might need information in the future, please take the card attached to the back of this survey for future use.

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Developer: David McCollum

Publication year: 2001

Administration method: The form is Z-folded and inserted into a brown envelope (to help ensure privacy). The patient completes the form and the nurse or physician collects it. If the “blue” sticker has been placed on the circle at the bottom of the page, the patient is moved to a private room and a face-to-face interview is carried out using a scripted form (see below). This is generally done by the physician, but could be done by nursing, social service or an advocate.

Scoring procedures: If the patient places the “blue” sticker on the circle at the bottom of the page, this is considered positive for intimate partner violence (IPV).

Follow-up procedures: If a patient screens positive for IPV, the following survey is completed. It is generally completed by a physician, but could be completed by nursing, social service or an in-house advocate if the physician is delayed.

## Secondary Survey

### Face-to-face

This is to be filled out if the patient screens positive for IPV. It should be completed by the nurse or physician caring for the patient, but may at times, be completed by social services or Family Violence Services Response team.

Introductory statements should be made, e.g.:

**“I want to review with you your response to the survey that you just completed. I understand that you may be in a relationship that is difficult in one way or another. I am concerned that we provide care for all of your needs. So, I’d like to ask you a few more questions. Can you tell me which of the statements are true for you?”**

- I do not feel safe with my current partner
- Does your partner frequently put you down, yell at you, call you names, or tell you you’re worthless?
- Is your partner jealous, accuse you of being unfaithful, is suspicious of your activity?
- Does your partner ever prevent you from seeing your friends, making phone calls, or having access to money without his/her approval?
- Has your partner ever hit you, kicked you, pushed you, punched you, pulled your hair or in some other way hurt you?
- Are you here today because of injuries caused by your partner?
- Has your partner hurt or threatened to hurt your pet(s)?
- Have you had sex with your partner when you didn’t want to, or performed sex acts that you didn’t want to do?
- How long have you been in this relationship? \_\_\_\_\_
- Have you ever tried to leave this relationship? \_\_\_\_\_  
If so, what happened? \_\_\_\_\_

Filled out by:

MD   
RN   
SW   
FVSA

**“I’m sorry those things have happened to you. Nobody deserves to be hurt or treated in that manner. Now I’d like to ask you some other questions that will help us know how best to help you.”**

Determine current level of safety for the patient:

Questions should include determining whether there is escalation of the abuse and severity of abuse. One suggested severity ranking scale is as follows:

- Throwing things, punching the wall
- Pushing, shoving, grabbing, throwing things at the victim
- Kicking, biting
- Hitting with a closed fist
- Attempted strangulation
- Beating up/pinned to wall or floor
- Threatening with a weapon
- Assault with a weapon

Filled out by:

MD   
RN   
SW   
FVSA

Many women who are physically assaulted also feel sexually assaulted. Escalating levels of sexual assault or sexual coercion are risk factors for serious injury and death. Asking questions about this may help determine safety risk.

Survey for past issues of abuse: **“Many patients who are experiencing relationships like yours, have also had other unpleasant or harmful events happen to them earlier in their lives, as teenagers or even as children. Can you tell me if any of the following has happened to you?”**

- Have you been in relationships in the past that have been harmful or hurtful, either verbally, physically or sexually? \_\_\_\_\_
- Were you hurt physically when you were growing up?
- Were you hurt sexually or made to do things you didn't want to sexually when you were growing up?
- Did you ever feel that you were raped? If so, did you report it? \_\_\_\_\_
- Did you ever feel that you were being followed, watched, or stalked? \_\_\_\_\_
- Did you grow up with one parent, or both?
- Were your parents in an abusive relationship/Did your parents fight a lot? \_\_\_\_\_
- Was either of your parents alcoholic? \_\_\_\_\_

Filled out by:	
MD	<input type="checkbox"/>
RN	<input type="checkbox"/>
SW	<input type="checkbox"/>
FVSA	<input type="checkbox"/>

If the patient has been acutely injured or has physical evidence of injury, photographic documentation is desirable. Recommended procedure includes:

1. Obtain patient consent - acknowledge that it may be uncomfortable for them to have pictures taken and that if they want to stop at any time, they may ask to do so.
2. One photo should show the whole body including face.
3. Subsequent photos are closer in.
4. Take two pictures of each area.
5. Number the pictures for reference (1,2,3, etc.)
6. Offer the patient one set of pictures.

Referral options:

- Information given (package)
- Called social services
- Called shelter (Southern Valley, e.g.)
- Called police
- Called Sexual Violence Center
- Called crisis worker
- 1-800-799-SAFE given
- Supportive statements only
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

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RN	<input type="checkbox"/>
SW	<input type="checkbox"/>
FVSA	<input type="checkbox"/>



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Additional Reference:

Family Violence Prevention Fund (2003). Interpersonal Violence New Tool for Identification in Health Care Settings, *Health Alert*, 9, 8-9.

## RADAR

The acronym “RADAR” summarizes action steps physicians should take in recognizing and treating victims of partner violence.

**R**emember to ask routinely about partner violence in your own practice.

**A**sk directly about violence with such questions as, “At any time, has a partner hit, kicked, or otherwise hurt or frightened you?” Interview your patient in private at all times.

**D**ocument information about “suspected domestic violence” or “partner violence” in the patient’s office.

**A**ssess your patient’s safety. Is it safe for her to return home? Find out if any weapons are kept in the house, if the children are in danger, and if the violence is escalating.

**R**evue options with your patient. Know about the types of referral options (e.g., shelters, support groups, legal advocates).

Note. There is another version of the RADAR screening tool (called RADAR/SA) that also assesses for sexual assault with the following question: “Have you ever been sexually assaulted or involved in sexual acts against your will?”

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Developer: RADAR was developed by the Massachusetts Medical Society. The sexual assault question was developed by Dr. Wanda Filer.

Publication year: 1992, 1996, 1999, 2004

Administration method: Physician administered.

Scoring procedures: This information is not available.

Follow-up procedures: This information is included in the screening tool.

Index Reference:

Alpert EJ. (Ed.) (2004). *Partner violence: How to recognize and treat victims of abuse, Fourth Edition*. Waltham, MA: Massachusetts Medical Society.

Additional Reference:

Alpert EJ. (1995). Violence in intimate relationships and the practicing internist: New "disease" or new agenda? *Annals of Internal Medicine*, 123, 774-81.

## SAVE: A Tool for Screening for Sexual Assault

### **S = Screen all your patients for sexual assault.**

Anyone could be the victim of sexual assault. Healthcare providers are the people who most patients prefer to tell about these experiences, but they need to be asked about it by you. Interview the patient alone.

### **A = Ask direct questions in a non-judgmental way.**

Do not use formal, technical, or medical jargon.

“If I am to be your doctor, we need to have the best sort of working partnership. It would help if you could answer my questions about your sexual history.”

“I ask all of my patients these questions because it is important to me to know what has gone on and what is going on in their lives. For instance, someone can be traumatized by witnessing or experiencing violence.”

“Have you ever been touched sexually against your will or without your consent?”

“Have you ever been forced or pressured to have sex?”

“Do you feel that you have control over your sexual relationships and will be listened to if you say ‘no’ to having sex?”

### **V = Validate the patient’s response.**

If a patient answers “yes” to your questions asked above, offer support. Do not minimize the patient’s response even if she does. Be sure to document your physical and psychological findings of the sexual assault. If a patient answers “no,” but you suspect by her symptoms and behaviors that she is a sexual assault survivor, make a note in the patient’s chart and be sure to follow up in the future and ask her again.

### **E = Evaluate, educate and refer.**

If the patient answers “yes,” ask what you can do to help. Offer the patient empathy, education, and referrals. If the patient is hesitant to take the referral now, inform them that they can change their mind and receive the information at some later time. Let your patients know that you will not judge them if they do not follow up with the referral immediately. Mention the disclosure of the sexual assault again during another visit.

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Developer: Lynne Stevens, New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault

Publication year: 2003

Administration method: Clinician or staff administered.

Scoring procedures: This information is not available.

Follow-up procedures: This information is included in the screening tool.

Index Reference:

Stevens L. (2003). New York State Coalition Against Sexual Assault.  
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## **PUDE: Un instrumento para la identificación sobre casos de asalto sexual**

(SAVE: A Tool for Screening for Sexual Assault, Spanish Version)

**P = Proporcione la oportunidad a todas sus pacientes de hablar sobre el asalto sexual.**

Cualquier persona puede ser víctima de asalto sexual. La mayoría de los pacientes prefieren comunicar estas experiencias a los proveedores de atención médica, pero no muchos no lo hacen a menos que le pregunten. Entreviste a la/el paciente sola/o.

**U = Utilice preguntas directas sin emitir juicio.**

No use lenguaje formal, técnico, o médico.

“Si voy a ser su médico, necesitamos establecer una buena relación para trabajar. Me ayudaría hacerle varias preguntas sobre su historial sexual.”

“Le hago esta pregunta a todas mis pacientes porque es importante que yo sepa lo que haya pasado y este pasado en su vida. Por ejemplo, una persona puede estar traumatizada si ha observado o ha experimentado actos de violencia en su vida.”

“Alguna vez alguien le ha tocado en contra de su voluntad o sin su consentimiento?”

“Se ha sentido alguna vez forzada o presionada a tener relaciones sexuales?”

“Usted cree que tiene control sobre sus relaciones sexuales y que le harán caso si dice que no desea tener relaciones?”

**D = Darle validez a las respuestas objetadas por el paciente.**

Si la/el paciente responde “sí” a su pregunta, ofrezca apoyo. No minimice o le reste importancia a una respuesta aun cuando ella/el lo haga. Asegúrese de documentar la información física y psicológica objetada con respecto al asalto sexual. Si la/el paciente responde “no,” pero usted sospecha que, por sus síntomas y conducta, ha sobrevivido un asalto sexual, anótelos en el expediente de la paciente y asegúrese de preguntarle de nuevo en el futuro.

**E = Evalúe, eduque, y refiera.**

Si la/el paciente responde “sí” preguntele lo que puede hacer para ayudarla/lo. Ofrezca su apoyo, comprensión, información, y una referencia a una fuente de ayuda. Si ella/el se muestra insegura/o en aceptar la referencia, dejele saber que puede cambiar de opinión en el futuro y recibirlo después. Dígale que usted no lo/la juzgará si no sigue la referencia. Durante la próxima visita mencione su revelación del asalto sexual.

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## Screening Tools-Domestic Violence

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Because violence is so common in many women's lives and because there is help available for women being abused, I now ask every patient about domestic violence:

1. Within the past year - or since you have become pregnant - have you been hit, slapped, kicked, or otherwise physically hurt by someone?
2. Are you in a relationship with a person who threatens or physically hurts you?
3. Has anyone forced you to have sexual activities that made you feel uncomfortable?

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Developer: American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists

Publication year: 2003

Administration method: Clinician administered.

Scoring procedures: This information is not available.

Follow-up procedures: Please see the ACOG website for more information.  
[www.acog.org/departments/dept\\_notice.cfm?recno=17&bulletin=585](http://www.acog.org/departments/dept_notice.cfm?recno=17&bulletin=585)

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## Screening Tools-Sexual Assault

American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists

Because sexual violence is an enormous problem for women in this country and can affect a woman's health and well being, I now ask all my patients about exposure to violence and about sexual assault.

1. Do you have someone special in your life? Someone you're going out with?
2. Are you now-or have you been-sexually active?
3. Think about your earliest sexual experience. Did you want this experience?
4. Has a friend, a date, or an acquaintance ever pressured or forced you into sexual activities when you did not want them? Touched you in a way that made you uncomfortable? Anyone at home? Anyone at school? Any other adult?
5. Although women are never responsible for rape, there are things they can do that may reduce their risk of sexual assault. Do you know how to reduce your risk of sexual assault?

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## Sexual and Physical Abuse History Questionnaire

We now know that many people have unwanted “sexual” or violent experiences as children or adults. Some of these are with playmates or friends and some with relatives or acquaintances. These experiences may be so upsetting that they may not be discussed with anyone. Sometimes they are forgotten for long periods of time, and sometimes they are frequently brought to mind. We would like you to help us understand these experiences that people may have. Please try to remember whether any of the following occurred to you:

### Sexual Abuse Items on the Questionnaire

Circle for *both* as child and as adult.

	As a child (13 and younger)		As an adult (14 and over)	
1a. Has anyone ever exposed the sex organs of their body to you when you did not want it?	Yes	No	Yes	No
1b. Has anyone ever threatened to have sex with you when you did not want it?	Yes	No	Yes	No
1c. Has anyone ever touched the sex organs of your body when you did not want this?	Yes	No	Yes	No
1d. Has anyone ever made you touch the sex organs of their body when you did not want this?	Yes	No	Yes	No
1e. Has anyone ever forced you to have sex when you did not want this?	Yes	No	Yes	No
1f. Have you had any other unwanted sexual experiences not mentioned above?	Yes	No	Yes	No
If yes, please specify: _____				

### Physical Abuse Items on the Questionnaire

2. When you were a child (13 or younger), did an older person do the following:
- a. Hit, kick, or beat you?    0. Never    1. Seldom    2. Occasionally    3. Often
- b. Seriously threaten your life    0. Never    1. Seldom    2. Occasionally    3. Often
3. Now that you are an adult (14 or older), has any other adult done the following:
- a. Hit, kick, or beat you?    0. Never    1. Seldom    2. Occasionally    3. Often
- b. Seriously threaten your life    0. Never    1. Seldom    2. Occasionally    3. Often

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Developer: Jane Leserman, Douglas Drossman, and Zhiming Li

Publication year: 1995

Administration method: Self report.

Scoring procedures: Respondents indicating “yes” to any of the items 1a through 1f are given a score of 1 for abuse and the rest are scored 0 for no abuse.

Follow-up procedures: This information is not available.

Index Reference:

Leserman J, Drossman DA, Zhiming L. (1995). The reliability and validity of a sexual and physical abuse history questionnaire in female patients with gastrointestinal disorders. *Behavioral Medicine*, 21, 141-50.

## Two-Question Screening Tool

1. Have you ever been hit, slapped, kicked, or otherwise physically hurt by your male partner?  
(If yes, ask date of last episode)
2. Have you ever been forced to have sexual activities?  
(If yes, ask date of last episode)

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Developer: Judith McFarlane, Lyn Greenberg, Arlo Weltge, and Mary Watson

Publication year: 1995

Administration method: Nurse administered.

Scoring procedures: A woman is considered abused if she gives a positive response to either question.

Follow-up procedures: All women who participated were offered an informational brochure about abuse. Women who are identified as abused need to be further assessed for level of personal danger. A safety plan should be discussed with them, and they should receive information regarding abuse and community resources (McFarlane et al. 1995).

Index Reference:

McFarlane J, Greenberg L, Weltge A, Watson M. (1995). Identification of abuse in emergency departments: Effectiveness of a two-question screening tool. *Journal of Emergency Nursing*, 21, 391-94.

# Universal Violence Prevention Screening Protocol

## Introduction:

1. These days many people are exposed to violence in some form.
2. Violence is a health risk and can result in physical and emotional problems.
3. It is our routine procedure to ask adult patients about their exposure to violence.
4. If you are a violence victim, we can better help you if we know it.

	Last 12 months		If "yes" to 12 Months, Last 1 Month?	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
1. In the past 12 months...has anyone <b>threatened</b> you with or <b>actually used</b> a knife or gun to <b>scare or hurt</b> you?	Yes	No	Yes	No
2. ... <b>choked, kicked, bit, or punched</b> you?	Yes	No	Yes	No
3. ... <b>slapped, pushed, grabbed, or shoved</b> you?	Yes	No	Yes	No
4. ...forced or coerced you to have sex?	Yes	No	Yes	No
5. ...have you been <b>afraid</b> that a current or former intimate partner would hurt you physically?	Yes	No	Yes	No

6. What is your relationship with the person who has hurt you?

- Current or former intimate partner
- Other family member
- Acquaintance or friend
- Coworker
- Stranger
- Other (specify)

7. Have the **police** been notified within the **last month** about any of these experiences?

YES NO

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Developer: Mary Ann Dutton, Barbara Mitchell, and Yolanda Haywood

Publication year: 1996

Administration method: Nurse administered.

Scoring procedures: This information is not available.

Follow-up Procedures: A positive score for any of the items signals the need for further risk assessment.

## Index Reference:

Dutton MA, Mitchell B, Haywood Y. (1996). The emergency department as a violence prevention center. *Journal of American Medical Women's Association*, 51, 92-6.

## Universal Violence Prevention Screening Protocol - Adapted

Have you been in a relationship with a partner in the past year? (Yes/No)

**If yes, within the past year has a partner:**

(a) Slapped, kicked, pushed, choked, or punched you? (Yes/No)

(b) Forced or coerced you to have sex? (Yes/No)

(c) Threatened you with a knife or gun to scare or hurt you? (Yes/No)

(d) Made you afraid that you could be physically hurt? (Yes/No)

(e) Repeatedly used words, yelled, or screamed in a way that frightened you, threatened you, put you down, or made you feel rejected? (Yes/No)

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Developer: Sheryl Heron, Martie P. Thompson, Emily Jackson, and Nadine Kaslow

Publication year: 2003

Administration method: Clinician administered or self report.

Scoring procedures: This information is not available.

Follow-up procedures: This information is not available.

Index Reference:

Heron SL, Thompson MP, Jackson E, Kaslow NJ. (2003). Do responses to an intimate partner violence screen predict scores on a comprehensive measure of intimate partner violence in low-income black women? *Annals of Emergency Medicine*, 42, 483-91.

## Victimization Assessment Tool

1. Have you been troubled or injured by any kind of abuse or violence (e.g., hit by partner, forced sex)?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Not sure \_\_\_\_\_ Refused \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, check one:

By someone in your family \_\_\_\_\_

By an acquaintance or stranger \_\_\_\_\_

Describe:

2. If yes, has something like this ever happened before?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, when? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe:

3. Do you have anyone you can turn to or rely on now to protect you from possible further injury?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, who? \_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you feel so badly now that you have thought of hurting yourself/suicide?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, what have you thought about doing?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Are you so angry about what's happened that you have considered hurting someone else?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, describe briefly: \_\_\_\_\_

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Developer: Lee Ann Hoff and Linda Rosenbaum  
Publication year: 1994

Administration method: Clinician administered.

Scoring procedures: According to Hoff and Rosenbaum (1994), individuals are classified into one of the following risk groups based on the degree of victimization:

- 1 = No experience of physical violence or abuse.
- 2 = Experience of abuse/violence with minor physical and/or emotional trauma (e.g., verbal arguments that occasionally escalate to pushing and shoving or mild slapping. History may include past victimization that is no longer problematic.)
- 3 = Experience of abuse/violence with moderate physical and/or emotional trauma (e.g., abused several times a month in recent years resulting in moderate trauma or emotional distress. No threat to life, no weapons available. History may include past victimization that is still somewhat problematic.)
- 4 = Experience of abuse/violence with severe physical and/or emotional trauma (e.g., violently attacked or physically abused in recent years, resulting in physical injury requiring medical treatment. Threats to kill, no guns available. History may include serious victimization requiring medical and/or physical treatment.)
- 5 = Life-threatening or prolonged abuse/violence with very severe physical and/or emotional trauma (e.g., recent or current life-threatening physical abuse, potentially lethal assault or threats with available deadly weapons. History may include severe abuse requiring medical treatment, frequent or ongoing sexual abuse, recent rape, other physical attack requiring extensive medical treatment.)  
(p. 630)

Follow-up procedures: If rating is Level 2 or above on the assessment scale, clinician should discuss with client and recommend referral to victim care specialist for full assessment and follow-up care.

Index Reference:

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