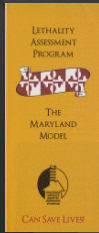




LETHALITY ASSESSMENT PROGRAM (LAP): MARYLAND MODEL FOR HEALTH CARE PRACTITIONERS



Background | Definition

- Lethality Assessment Program (LAP)
 - (1) Identifying victims of domestic violence who are at the greatest risk of being killed,
 - (2) for the purpose of getting them out of harm's way, if necessary, and
 - (3) encouraging them to go into domestic violence services.

Overall LAP Objective:
Get DV victims, especially high danger victims, into services.

Background | Source

- LAP was created on the foundation of:
 - Research-based work of *Dr. Jacquelyn C. Campbell*, Johns Hopkins University
 - Dr. Campbell's validated assessment instrument: Danger Assessment (www.dangerassessment.org)



Background | Development

- Goal: to create a user-friendly instrument and a proactive protocol.
- Purpose: to enable field practitioners to identify domestic violence victims who are at greatest risk of being killed.
- LAP is simple and easy.
- Only 4% of victims who died had ever availed themselves of domestic violence services (Sharps et al., 2001).

32% of women sought help at Hospital Emergency Departments, Hospital inpatient units or ambulatory care settings for injuries specifically resulting from the abuse (Campbell et al., 2005)

Lethality Screen

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE LETHALITY SCREEN FOR FIELD PRACTITIONERS		
Field Practitioner	Name	Phone #
Address	City	State
1. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for an injury?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
2. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a mental health problem?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
3. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a substance abuse problem?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
4. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a chronic medical condition?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
5. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a pregnancy-related problem?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
6. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
7. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a car accident?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
8. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fire?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
9. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a drowning?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
10. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a poisoning?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
11. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a self-harm?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
12. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a suicide attempt?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
13. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a gunshot wound?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
14. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a stab wound?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
15. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a burn?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
16. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a frostbite?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
17. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a snake bite?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
18. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a tick bite?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
19. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a dog bite?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
20. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a height?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
21. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a ladder?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
22. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a roof?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
23. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a tree?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
24. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a cliff?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
25. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a building?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
26. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a vehicle?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
27. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a boat?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
28. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a plane?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
29. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a train?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
30. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a subway?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
31. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a bus?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
32. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a truck?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
33. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a forklift?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
34. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a crane?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
35. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a hoist?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
36. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a scissor lift?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
37. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a boom lift?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
38. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a cherry picker?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
39. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a bucket truck?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
40. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a man lift?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
41. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a scissor lift truck?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
42. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a boom lift truck?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
43. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a cherry picker truck?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
44. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a bucket truck truck?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
45. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a man lift truck?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
46. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a scissor lift truck truck?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
47. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a boom lift truck truck?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
48. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a cherry picker truck truck?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
49. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a bucket truck truck truck?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%
50. Has the patient ever been hospitalized for a problem related to a fall from a man lift truck truck?	Yes/No	100% 50% 100% 100%



Lethality Assessment Program (LAP): The Maryland Model for Health Care Practitioners

A New Standard of Care!

Implementation Readiness Checklist

- **PARTNERSHIP** with community-based domestic violence program.
- Identify victims through universal screening questions.
- Identify Lethality Screeners:
 - Primary Nurses (also Charge Nurses, Triage Nurses, Sexual Assault Forensic Nurse Examiners)



Implementing LAP in Hospitals | Hospital Expectations

- Involvement of Hospital Administrators, LAP Coordinator, Domestic Violence Program, Nurses, and other Departments
- Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)
- Domestic Violence 101 Training
- LAP Training
- Hospital Education
- Ongoing Training/New Staff Training



LAP in Maryland Hospitals

January - December 2011

Hospital	Lethality Screens Per Population (1 LS/.../Year)	"High Danger"	Met w./ Spoke w. Advocate	Continued in Services
Frederick Memorial	68 (1/1,777)	54 (79%)	29 (53%)	14 (48%)
Atlantic General	13 (1/2,692)	11 (85%)	04 (36%)	03 (75%)
Northwest	157 (1/395)	106 (67%)	106 (100%)	46 (43%)
TOTAL	239 (1/170)	171 (72%)	139 (81%)	63 (45%)

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