Reducing Health Care Disparities in Primary Care Settings: DV Intervention from a Psychologist’s Perspective

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Full integration model – same department, same values, regular & open communication
- Comprehensive assessment
- Stigma reduction
- Cost/time reduction & ability to follow through

Everyone asks about DV and everyone is equipped to intervene
- Paper screening
- Verbal assessment

**DV is not encouraged to remain a SECRET**
ACOG: Committee Opinion on Intimate Partner Violence (February 2012)

- Addresses physical abuse, psychological abuse, sexual violence, and reproductive coercion.
- Moving beyond reactivity to IPV to a broader perspective that includes chronic conditions and chronically being unwell.
- Special populations: adolescents, immigrants, women with disabilities, and older women.
- Recommendations for screening.
“Based on the prevalence and health burden of IPV among women, education about IPV; screening at periodic intervals, including during obstetric visits; and ongoing clinical care can improve the lives of women who experience IPV. Preventing the lifelong consequences associated with IPV can have a positive effect on the reproductive, perinatal, and overall health of all women.”
IPV within the OB/GYN arena

- Pregnancy as an opportunity to screen regularly & provide f/u
- The most regular medical care some women will ever receive
- If within an integrated system, less likelihood of triggering the scrutiny of the abusive partner
Rooming Alone

Your privacy matters.
Su privacidad es importante.

The confidentiality of the patient-doctor relationship is important to us.

That's why we ask family members and friends to remain in the waiting area during patient examinations.

Afterward, at the patient's request, family or friends may be invited into the exam room.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Kaiser Permanente protects the privacy and security of your personal information in accordance with state and federal law.

La confidencialidad de la relación entre el paciente y el médico es importante para nosotros.

Por eso pedimos que los familiares y amigos permanezcan en la sala de espera durante el examen del paciente.

Después, si el paciente lo solicita, podrán invitar a los familiares o amigos a la sala de examen.

Le agradecemos su comprensión y asistencia.

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DID YOU KNOW THAT YOUR RELATIONSHIP AFFECTS YOUR HEALTH?
One Size Does Not Fit All

- Meet the patient where she is and acknowledging who she is – this means taking into account SES, race, ethnicity, sexuality, support network, and individual barriers
- Culturally-informed communication
- Acknowledgement of “dual identity” – woman vs member of a minority group
- Variety of offerings – individual psychotherapy sessions, group counseling, phone sessions, community partnerships
Addressing the psychiatric/CD picture while simultaneously addressing the abuse issues
Health Care Disparities

1. Embedded within the health care system itself

2. Rooted in the dynamic between health care provider and patient
Beliefs about DV

- GROUP INTERVENTION

Self-efficacy to bring about change

- CULTURAL FACTORS
- ECONOMIC FACTORS

- ANY MODALITY OF INTERVENTION
Getting Others to Care

"Any act of violence that results in or is likely to result in, physical, sexual, or mental harm or suffering to women."

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rhsdi7W3pr0