“The Evolution of a Hospital-based Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Task Force Into an Inter-professional Collaborative Practice for Educating and Engaging Providers”
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Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is a major public health problem affecting millions every year, and bringing with it a myriad of negative physical, psychological, social, health and economic consequences.

Education is a key component in ending IPV in our community. Being aware of the realities and the myths surrounding IPV helps to decrease acceptance of abuse in society and provides people with the tools to identify and address this problem.
History

1. Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC is:
   - 380-bed acute care teaching hospital;
   - one of the Nation’s top five hospitals for Gynecological Care (US News and World Report);
   - one of the six original Centers of Excellence in Women’s Health by the Office of Women’s Health of the Department Human Services; and
   - has more than 11,000 births annually.

2. The Domestic Violence Task Force, as it was originally named, was started in the 90s, because IPV was recognized as a health issue with patients.

3. The Joint Commission for Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO); the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecology (ACOG); the Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPF); and other organizations were recommending IPV screening, response, and staff education policies.
1. The first members were social workers, nurses, and administrator of the Emergency Department and Outpatient clinic.

2. The first education programs were meant to raise awareness among emergency room staff. It then expanded to include the entire facility. Education included patient assessments, intervention and referral resources.

3. As knowledge of IPV grew, the inclusion of community-based education was recognized as essential.
Mission

The mission of Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMCs Intimate Partner Violence Task Force is “to raise IPV awareness through education within the medical community and the greater community-at-large.”
In 2014 the IPV Task Force educated

a) Over 300 community members
   - At-risk Women
   - High school students
   - Information Tables
   - Young parents

b) Over 250 health/service providers
   - Nursing Assistants
   - Nurse Practitioners and Nurses
   - Social Workers
   - Students
Task Force Structure

- The task force is comprised of staff members; i.e., nurses, social workers and outreach workers within the hospital; representatives of community agencies; academia; law enforcement; and the Employee Assistance program.

- Activities and Responsibilities of Membership
  - Attend monthly meetings.
  - Keep abreast of changes and progress in IPV.
  - Discuss IPV issues within the community.
  - Use professional networks and knowledge to bring current information back to the group.
  - Suggest topics and speakers for annual Community and Professional Education Forum.
  - Develop patient and community education materials.
Agency Collaborations

- Allegheny County District Attorney’s Office
- Carlow University/Greibel Collaborative
- Center for Victims of Violence and Crime
- Chatham University
- Crisis Center North
- Employment Assistance Programs (EAP)
- Moving Towards Non-Violence
- Pittsburgh Action Against Rape (PAAR)
- Point Park University Playhouse
- University of Pittsburgh
- Women Against Abusive Relationships (WAAR)
- Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh (WC&S)
- WomensPlace
Benefits of Collaborations

“Unity is Strength...when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved.”

Mattie J. T. Stepanek

- Sharing resources
- Multiple experiences/disciplines
- Shared costs (in-kind or cash)
- Multi-factorial perspectives on IPV
- Promote cooperation vs. competition by breaking down silos
- Mutual support of members in a safe environment
Barriers

Buy-in from administration for projects, such as;
~ Electronic PFA~

Members come and go.
Projects & Activities – Professional

- New Employee Orientation
- Agency Staff Trainings
- Hospital Lunch & Learns
- IPV Information Table in Lobby of Magee-Womens Hospital
- Annual Community and Professional Education Forum
Projects & Activities – Community

- Annual October IPV Community Event
- Intimate Partner Violence in the Community at-large, i.e. Pittsburgh Public Schools, Health Fairs, etc.
- Moms & Cops Community Training
- Silent Witness Silhouette Exhibit in Hospital Lobby
- Pregnancy & Violence Prevention Interdisciplinary Advisory Board (University of Pittsburgh Center for Minority Health and the Allegheny County Health Department)
- Women Against Abusive Relationships (WAAR) – Healing Space
- Project Connect – A violence prevention-and-response initiative (Woodland Hills School District)
Sample Event Fliers
Office Reference Manual for Recognition and Referral of Victims of Domestic Violence

Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC Health System

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Register Now!

Stalking Goes High Tech: A Response to Technological Abuse in Intimate Partner Violence Relationships

Presenter: Lois D. Fasnacht, Pa. Coalition Against Domestic Violence

September 21, 2011
5:00 to 7:30 p.m.
Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC - Auditorium

Sponsored by
Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC
Women's Center & Shelter of Pittsburgh
Crisis Center North
Alle Kiske Area Hope Center

Continuing Education Credit: Nurses 2.5 Social Workers 2.5

This continuing nursing education activity has been approved for 2.5 contact hours by the UPMC Provider Unit of the PA State Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center’s Commission on Accreditation. To receive contact hours, the participant must attend the entire session and complete the evaluation form. No CME—Reduced Parking—Refreshments 4:30-5:00
For Information call 412-687-9017 ext. 331
To register call 412-602-8299

Intimate Partner Violence, Reproductive Coercion, and Unintended Pregnancy: Rethinking Pregnancy Coercion
October 24th, 2012
Magee Women’s Hospital of UPMC, Auditorium

5:00 - 5:30 pm
Registration and Light Dinner Fare
5:30 - 6:45 pm
Forum/Presentation: Elizabeth Miller, MD (Q&A Following Presenter)
6:45 - 7:30 pm
Forum/Presentation: Eleanor Schwarz, MD (Q&A Following Presenter)

About the Speakers:

Dr. Elizabeth Miller is Chief of Adolescent Medicine at Children's Hospital Pittsburgh, the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Trained in general pediatrics as well as in Adolescent Medicine, Dr. Miller’s research has included examinations of sex trafficking among adolescents in Asia, intimate abuse, and reproductive health, with a focus on underserved youth populations including pregnant and parenting teens, foster, homeless, and gay/straight youth. She is Chair of the Evaluations and Quality Panel of the National Immunization Program and Scientific Advisory Committee of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine, and Co-chair of Advocacy for the National Pediatric Adolescent Maternal Care Program. Her current research funded by the National Institutes of Health and National Institute of Justice has allowed her to partner with community health clinics, focusing on the impact of gender-based violence on young women’s reproductive health. Her work on reproductive coercion and teen-counseling was recently featured in the New York Times, and she was also on the Oprah Winfrey show as a national expert on teen-violence policies. She is also involved in projects to reduce gender-based violence and improve women’s health in Inde, Japan, and Kenya.

Dr. Eleanor Schwarz is currently the Women’s Health Research Unit Director of the Division of Internal Medicine and Associate Professor of Medicine. Epidemiology, Obstetrics, Gynecology, and Reproductive Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania. She serves as a member of the Society of Family Planning and has national expertise in the administration of contraceptive technology. Additionally, Dr. Schwarz holds the position of Senior Medical Advisor to the National Women’s Health and is a member of the FDA’s Advisory Committee on Women’s Health.

This event is sponsored by:
Magee Women’s Hospital of UPMC
Women’s Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh
Crisis Center North
Register Now!

Annual Community and Professional Intimate Partner Violence Seminar

Topic: “Setback is Part of the Journey”
Harm Reduction as a Tool in IPV Interventions

Presenters:
Dana Davis, MSW, PhD, Founder – The Open Door Inc.
Judy Chang, MD, MPH, Faculty-Researcher – Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC

October 10, 2013 5:00pm-7:30pm
Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC - Auditorium

Sponsors:
Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC
Women’s Center and Shelter of Pittsburgh
Crisis Center North

2 Contact Hours for Nurses
2 Contact Hours for Social Workers with $10 Fee

This continuing medical education activity has been approved for up to 2 contact hours by the UPMC Provider Unit of the Pennsylvania Medical Association, an accredited approver by the Pennsylvania Continuing Education Commission for Accreditation.

To receive contact hours, the participant must attend the entire session and complete the evaluation form.

This program is offered for 2 hours of social work continuing education through co-sponsorship of the University of Pittsburgh’s School of Social Work, a Council on Social Work Education accredited school and, therefore, a PA approved provider of social work continuing education. These credit hours satisfy requirements for CSWE/CSW, UPMC and UPMC Health Plan recognition. For information on social work continuing education contact 1-800-225-4732.

Reduced Parking – Refreshments 5:00-5:30pm
For Information call 412-641-1472  To Register go to the website: classes.upmc.com
Telling Secrets:
SILENT NO MORE

Intimate partner violence (IPV) places families in a harmful cycle that, without help, is very difficult to break. Without intervention, IPV becomes the relationship model for each new generation. Education, communication, and support are our best defenses for prevention.

What: An Interactive Play
Admission is FREE and includes light refreshments

Where: Pittsburgh Playhouse of Point Park University
Located at 222 Craft Avenue in Oakland
FREE parking is available in the Magee lot across the street

When: Tuesday, October 12, 5 to 8 p.m.

Why: Because ANYONE can be hurt by an intimate partner!

Every nine seconds, a woman is beaten by an intimate partner in the United States.
Each year, 3.3 to 10 million children are exposed to intimate partner violence.
In homes where intimate partner violence exists, there is a 50-percent chance that child abuse also exists.
Adolescents are at the highest risk for relationship violence.
Boys who are exposed to violence in the home are more likely to become abusive in their own relationships.

A joint effort of Magee-Womens Hospital of University of Pittsburgh Medical Center’s Domestic Violence Task Force, the legendary Pittsburgh Playhouse of Point Park University, The Center for Victims of Violence and Crime, Womanplace, Pittsburgh Action Against Rape, Women’s Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh, YMCA of Greater Pittsburgh, and the Silent Witness Initiative of The National Council of Jewish Women.

To register, call Magee-Womens Hospital’s Education Department at 412-641-4492
For more information, contact Ebony Hughes at 412-641-1472 or Kelley Shell at 412-641-2276
About Intimate Partner Violence

Although it is primarily a crime against women, intimate partner violence (IPV) can place anyone in a harmful cycle that is very difficult to break. Compared to women without disabilities, research suggests that IPV is just as if not more prevalent among women with disabilities. Without intervention, IPV becomes the relationship model for each new generation. Education, communication, and support are our best defenses.

The Facts

- Every nine seconds, a woman is beaten by an intimate partner in the United States.
- Women with disabilities suffer from additional types of abuse, for longer periods of time, and at the hands of more abusers, when compared to women without disabilities.
- In homes where IPV exists, there is a 50 percent chance that child abuse also exists.
- Approximately 3.3 to 10 million children in the United States are exposed to IPV each year.
- Adolescents are at the highest risk for relationship violence.

About the Program

“Hidden Hurts” is an original play by Mildred Jenkins, a crime scene investigator with the City of Pittsburgh Police who has become an advocate for breaking the cycle of intimate partner violence. Her work sheds light on the realities faced by victims of intimate partner violence, including particular challenges for women with disabilities.

Join Us

Refreshments and parking are provided. To register, call Magee-Womens Hospital’s Education Department at 412-641-4492.

For more information about the program, contact Ebony Hughes at 412-641-1472 or ehughes@mai.magee.edu.

This project has been made possible through generous support from:

- Magee-Womens Health Foundation
- FISA Foundation
- Allegheny County District Attorney’s Office

Hidden Hurts
A FREE interactive play about intimate partner violence

Share this evening with someone you care about.

Monday, Oct. 17, 2005
6 to 8 p.m.
Pittsburgh Playhouse of Point Park University
Craft Avenue, Oakland

Magee-Womens Hospital
of University of Pittsburgh Medical Center
Staff Lunch & Learns

Please join us for a Lunch n' Learn:

“The Dynamics of Spousal Abuse from the Abuser’s Perspective"

Presented by David Russell, M.Ed.
Director of the Moving Toward Nonviolence Program

12pm – 1pm
Wednesday – February 22, 2006
Conference Rooms A and B on Zero Level

Lunch will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis and no registration is required.

Please contact Kelley Shell at 412-641-2276 if you have any questions.

This program is sponsored by the Domestic Violence Task Force at Magee-Womens Hospital and Digene Corporation
Staff Lunch & Learns

You're invited to Lunch n' Learn!
"When Survivors of Sexual Abuse Give Birth..."

Presented by
Kathy McGrath, MSW, LSW, FCCE, CD DONA

Wednesday, June 22nd
Clinic Staff Classroom, Zero Level
12 - 1pm

No registration required

Lunch provided by Merck

Sponsored by the Magee Domestic Violence Task Force
Staff Lunch & Learns

Please join us for a

Lunch n’ Learn:

“Helping Patients, Co-workers and Families Stay Safe. The PFA (Protection From Abuse order) Does It Work?”

Presenters:

Attorney David Spurgeon – Allegheny County District Attorney’s Office

Joanne Witkowski – Womansplace

12pm – 1pm
Friday, August 25, 2006
Conference Room 2131
Magee-Womens Hospital
of University of Pittsburgh Medical Center

Brown Bag Lunch – Drinks will be provided on first-come first-served basis and No Registration Required

Please contact Ebony Hughes at 412-641-1472 if you have any questions.

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Funding Sources (Past)

- Allegheny County District Attorney’s Office
- Bristol-Meyers Pharmaceuticals
- FISA Foundation
- Giant Eagle Foundation
- Magee-Womens Foundation
- Merck Pharmaceuticals
- Mon Valley Provider’s Council
- National Council of Jewish Women – Pittsburgh Section
- Office of Women’s Health

In-Kind Contributions

- Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC (Space & Reduced Parking Rate)
- Speakers
- Pittsburgh Playhouse @ Point Park University (Space)
Program Feedback

Stalking Goes High Tech
“...excellent program for any healthcare provider.”
“...I was not aware of how technology could be used.”

Trauma Informed Care
“...excellent information that was new for me as a nurse.”
“Can we have access to PowerPoint?”

Hidden Hurts
“Shows abuse can happen to anyone.”
“It helped me to think about abuse of the physically disabled.”

Silent No More
“I like the fact that there were counselors available to meet the needs of attendees... I enjoyed the song at the end. I thought it was appropriate and uplifting.”
“The speakers telling their stories... to see that they survive and become successful.”
“Teamwork divides the tasks and doubles the success.” --Anonymous

Thank you!
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