

PARTNER ABUSE FRAMING QUESTIONS

The staff of this service are concerned about Family Violence, and the impact it has on women and children. Therefore, we routinely ask all women about violence in their home.

- Have you been hit, kicked, punched or hurt in any way by someone in the last year?
- Do you feel safe in your current relationship?
- Is there a partner from a previous relationship who is making you feel unsafe now?
- Within the last year has anyone forced you to have sex in a way you didn't want to?

OR

- I am concerned that someone hurting you may have caused all your symptoms.

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BRIEF INTERVENTION

1. Identify abuse using direct questions.
2. Provide emotional support.
3. Assess risk/dual assessment, includes safety of children living in the home.
4. Discuss a safety plan and refer.
5. Document current/past injuries.
6. Referral to Family Violence agencies/empower patient to seek support.

Only screen when it is safe to do so – patient in a private area, alone or with children under 2 yrs.

Remember to assess for child abuse if concerns exist.

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RISK ASSESSMENT: ASSESS PATIENT SAFETY

1. Is the abuser here now?
2. Is patient afraid of their partner?
3. Is patient afraid to go/stay home?
4. Has physical violence increased in severity?
5. Has anyone physically abused the children?
6. Have the children witnessed violence in the home?
7. Threats of homicide?
8. Threats of suicide?
9. Has partner ever tried to choke or strangle?
10. Is there a gun in the house?
11. Alcohol or substance abuse?

Discuss a safety plan.

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REFERRAL OPTIONS

- 1. Someone to support you:**
Family/Friends
Family violence services
eg. Women's Refuge, National Network of Stopping Violence Services
- 2. Somewhere safe to stay**
Family/Friends
Women's Refuge
- 3. Legal options**
Protection Orders
Family violence services
eg. Women's Refuge, National Network of Stopping Violence Services, Police.