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Health Care IPV Protocol Checklist for Development or Evaluation

Use this chart to develop or review your protocol for accuracy and thoroughness.

Protocol Element	Evaluation			
	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement	Missing	Comments
A. <u>Definition of Intimate Partner Violence</u> Protocol addresses each of the following:				
1. Definition of intimate partner violence				
2. Description of various manifestations and types of abuse (physical, sexual, psychological).				
3. Reinforces that IPV victims may be adult, adolescent, elderly, bisexual/lesbian/gay.)				
B. <u>Screening</u> IPV may be identified through either patient disclosure or by pattern recognition. Screening is a process of routine inquiry in writing or verbally about the possibility of violence in the patient's life. Procedures identified in the protocol include direct guidance on:				
1. How to ask questions (framing questions, direct questions, indirect questions)				
2. How to inform the patient of the requirement to report abuse				
3. Clinical findings which may indicate abuse				
4. What to do when the patient denies abuse and/or refuses to discuss abuse when it seems evident				
5. Establishment of culturally and personally sensitive means of physical separation for screening				
6. Procedure for determining how often patients will be screened (i.e., patients with regularly scheduled appointments such as prenatal patients)				
7. Roles and responsibilities of staff are defined				
8. Use of interpreters including American Sign Language				
9. Use of chart prompts				
10. Documenting the screen and its results				



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C. Assessment Once patient has been identified as a victim of IPV, the staff assists the patient in assessing his/her situation so that appropriate interventions and problem solving can take place. Protocol includes guidelines to:				
1. Assess patient in a setting separate from the batterer				
2. Address immediate safety needs of the patient				
3. Secure a history of present complaints				
4. Obtain information on relevant past medical history regarding IPV				
5. Assess for other related physical and mental health problems				
6. Assess for risk of homicide/suicide				
7. Identify social, economic, cultural issues, or other conditions (e.g., pregnancy or immigration status) that could affect intervention				
8. Assess safety of children and other dependents				
9. Roles and responsibilities of staff are defined				
D. Intervention Protocol outlines the following:				
1. Importance of a patient and non-judgmental approach				
2. Education materials that should be given to the patient				
3. Victims of Crime funding application and program				
4. Instructions on how to develop an immediate long-term and/or short-term safety plan				
5. Resource materials and appropriate referrals				
6. Requirements and procedure for reporting to law enforcement				
7. Follow-up for patients on subsequent visits				
8. Roles and responsibilities of staff are defined				
E. Documentation Protocol requires chart documentation to include:				
1. Description of nature of assault/abuse				
2. Assessment of danger and safety planning				
3. Assessment of children and other dependents				
4. Assessment of decision making capacity				
5. Treatment administered				
6. Referrals made with follow-up plans				
7. Resources provided to patient				
8. Copy of report made to local law enforcement				
9. Written, diagrammatic and/or photographic documentation of injuries				
10. Diagnosis				
11. Follow-up arrangements				

