

Domestic Violence Screening and Intervention Guidelines

Steps	Level I	Level II	Level III	
S C R E E N	No history or present threat of abuse	Past history of abuse	Recent or present abuse	
			Without injuries Danger Assessment (-)	With injuries OR Danger Assessment (+)
I N T E R V E N E	Provide patient education about domestic violence; give information regarding community resources	Assess for sequelae of past abuse Provide patient education about DV and information regarding community resources	Comprehensive assessment; individual counseling; assist patient in contacting community domestic violence services, safety planning Arrange follow-up visit	Crisis intervention; notify police if injuries present; consider protective orders; refer patient to hospital for treatment (call ambulance if necessary); Contact DV services and request advocate to see or talk to patient at hospital or office; Arrange follow-up visit
D O C U M E N T	Statement of no abuse or threat of abuse; handouts/education materials given to patient	Statement of past abuse and sequelae; education/resources given to patient Add DV to problem list and address periodically at subsequent visits	Describe present or recent abuse and any sequelae; counsel patient; resources given, safety planning done Add DV to problem list and indicate next follow-up visit	Complete forensic exam and body diagram or photo documentation. Complete injury report form and forward to law enforcement. Describe law enforcement intervention; describe advocacy intervention. Add DV to problem list

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