

Domestic Violence Screening and Intervention Guidelines

| Steps | Level I | Level II | Level III | |
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| 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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