

GOLISANO CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL AT STRONG

**Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)
Have you screened today?**

How big is this problem? Statistics from www.cdc.gov/violenceprevention
• Nearly one out of four women aged 18 and older in the United States have been victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner.

What is Intimate Partner Violence?
• Physical, sexual, or psychological harm by a current or former partner or spouse. This type of violence can occur among heterosexual or same-sex couples and does not require sexual intimacy.

Why do we need to ask?
• Intimate Partner Violence against mothers is a pediatric issue.
• The AAP recommends pediatricians attempt to recognize evidence of family violence and intervene to maximize safety. Children that witness domestic violence show such symptoms as stuttering, bedwetting, insomnia, separation anxiety, difficulty concentrating, headaches, abdominal pain, and aggressive behavior.
• Children who live in homes where there is intimate partner violence also suffer abuse or neglect at high rates.

Why don't we ask?
• Fear of offending. Lack of time. Discomfort with the subject.
• Biases about who is affected i.e. socio-economic status, race, age, education, marital status (none of which matter).
• Inability to give a solution.

How can we ask?
Be gentle but direct with your lead in questions:
• "I have a few questions to ask that may be difficult to answer."
• "I ask all my patients this question because I want you to know this is a safe place where help is available. Your health and well-being are important to me and may affect your children's safety and well-being."
• "Are you in a relationship where you are being hurt physically or emotionally?"
• "Have you ever been emotionally or physically abused by your partner?
By this I mean have you ever been hit, kicked, slapped, punched, isolated from your family or someone important to you by your partner?"

If "Yes:"
• "I am sorry to hear that. You have the personal right to be safe in your relationships. What do you feel you need to be safe today and how can we support you?"
If "No:"
• "That's so great because you have the personal right to be safe and anything less than that is not OK. If anything ever changes for you, this is a safe place that we can talk about it to help you figure out what you may need in order to be safe."

RESOURCES AND SERVICES

The law expands access to Family Court and civil orders of protection to *persons who are or have been in an intimate relationship*, even if they have never lived together, or were never related by blood or marriage, or never had a child in common. *This includes heterosexual or same-sex dating couples, including adolescents and teens.*

Family Court – (585) 371-3544

Police mandates include:

- Completion of a Domestic Incident Report (DIR) at any report of a crime or offense between *members of the same family or household*, whether or not an arrest is made.
- Mandatory arrest for any violation of a “stay-away” provision and/or commission of any family offense in violation of any applicable duly served order of protection or special order of conditions.
- Mandatory arrest for any felony or any family offense misdemeanor committed by a person against a *member of the same family or household*.
- Primary physical aggressor identification and arrest when an officer has reasonable cause to believe that more than one *family or household member* has committed a family offense misdemeanor.

Resources:

1. New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NYSCADV) – <http://www.nvscadv.org>
2. National Network to End Domestic Violence (NNEDV) – www.nnedv.org
3. National Resource Center on Domestic Violence (VAWNet) www.vawnet.org
4. National Sexual Violence Resource Center www.nsvrc.org

2-1-1/LifeLine
24 Hour Hotline
2-1-1- or (877) 356-9211
Website: www.211lifeline.org

Lifespan (Elder Abuse)
24 Hour Hotline
(866) 454-5100
Website: www.lifespan-roch.org

Willow Domestic Violence Center
(585) 232-5200
TTY (585) 232-1741
24 Hour Hotline 222-SAFE
Website: www.willowcenternv.org

National Domestic Violence Hotline
24 Hour Hotline
(800) 799 SAFE (7233)
Website: www.thehotline.org

RESTORE 24 Hour Hotline
585-546-2777 or (800) 656-4673
Website: www.restoresas.org

RESOLVE of Greater Rochester
(585) 425-1580
www.resolve-roc.org

If you notice anything that needs to be updated or corrected, please contact www.hoekelmancenter.org

Alert! If you're in danger, dial 911.