

Intimate Partner Violence Guide



Only ask the routine questions when it is safe to do so, eg, patient alone in a private area, or with children under 2 years.

Brief intervention

1. Routine enquiry (use direct questions).
2. Validation and support.
3. Health and risk assessment (dual assessment, includes assessing safety of all children living in the home).
4. Safety planning.
5. Referral and follow-up.
6. Documentation of history, examination, assessment, consultation and referral.

Always consult at least once during an intervention.

Seek peer-support/supervision following a disclosure of abuse.

Remember to assess for child abuse and or neglect if concerns exist.

Routine Enquiry

Intimate partner violence

We know that family violence is common and it affects women's and children's health, so we are asking routinely about violence in the home.

Within the past year:

- did anyone **scare you or threaten you** or someone you care about?
- did anyone ever try to **control you, or make you feel bad** about yourself?
- have you been **hit, pushed, shoved, slapped, kicked, choked** or otherwise **physically hurt**?
- has anyone **forced you to have sex** or do anything **sexual, in a way you did not want to**?

For each 'Yes' answer to any of the questions ask 'Who did this to you?'

Seek clarification or expansion as appropriate.