

What is Intimate Partner Violence?

Power and Control

- Physical
- Emotional/Psychological/Verbal
- Sexual
- Economic
- Medical

Nationally

- IPV victims are found in all socioeconomic levels, educational, racial, genders, sexual orientations, and age groups.
- 1 in 4 women and 1 in 7 men report having been victims of severe physical violence by an intimate partner. CDC. "National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey." 2010

Locally

- In Maryland there were 46 domestic related deaths (FY17)
5 in Anne Arundel County MNADV. (2017). Get the Facts. Retrieved from:
<https://mnadv.org/resources/get-the-facts/>
- An estimated 70,000 women are victims of IPV in AA Co.

Health Related Effects of Intimate Partner Violence

Physical/Medical

- Acute injuries & death
- Increased health care utilization
- Chronic pain: migraines, pelvic & back pain
- Unintended pregnancy, STD's/HIV, UTI's
- Gastrointestinal problems, peptic ulcers
- TBI
- Strangulation

Mental

- Depression, PTSD, Anxiety disorders
- Substance use disorders
- Suicidal ideation

Reproductive & Sexual Coercion

- Birth Control Sabotage
 - Hiding, withholding or destroying
- Pregnancy Pressure & Coercion
 - Forcing to terminate or carry to full term

- Attempts to cause a miscarriage
- Sexual Coercion
- Forcing unwanted sexual acts

Increases Risk for STIs

- Unable to negotiate safe sex
- Abuser may intentionally infect victim
- Sexual activity outside the relationship

Impact of Abuse on Victim with HIV

- Higher overall health issues
- Abuse may further compromise immune system
- Withhold medication/equipment
- Partner notification

Indicators of Abuse

- Treatment-related
 - Non-compliance with treatment
 - “Doctor shopping”
 - Pattern of lateness or missed appointments
 - Hyper vigilant partner
- Injury-related
 - Injuries in different stages of healing
 - Central injuries (face, head, chest, abdomen, genitals)
 - Patterned injuries
 - Restraint bruises and/or clusters
 - Human bite marks
 - Injuries that are unexplained
 - Defensive injuries

Screening

- Universal screening
- Create a **good climate** for disclosure – screen in private
- **Normalize** the questions
- Use **gender-neutral language** (“partner”)

If abuse is disclosed

- Acknowledge
- Validate
- Assess for safety

- Refer
- Document

Suggestions

- Staff education on correlation between IPV and HIV.
- Incorporate IPV into high-risk behavior discussions.
- Create safety plan for disclosures.
- Address non-compliance.
- Have hotline number available.
- Know your resources
- ASK RESPOND REFER

Case review

- R is disabled and in an abusive relationship with T. R states it is impossible to leave because T provides housing, food and transportation. How would you respond?
- T missed two appointments and was 15 minutes late today. You notice T's arm is wrapped in an ace bandage. What would you say to T?
- X arrived for STD/HIV testing results. You provide negative results and review high-risk behaviors. How could you incorporate information about IPV?

Resources

- National Domestic Violence Hotline
800-799-7233
- Anne Arundel County Domestic Violence Hotline
410-222-6800
- AAMC's A/DV Program
443-481-1209
- <http://healthymaryland.org/public-health/domestic-violence/>
- <https://www.futureswithoutviolence.org/>

