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INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

Definition

- A pattern of coercive behaviors including repeated battering and injury, psychological abuse, sexual assault, progressive social isolation, deprivation, and/or intimidation. Perpetrator is or was involved in an intimate relationship with the victim
- The majority of IPV victims are women

(AMA Diagnostic & Treatment Guidelines on Domestic Violence. 1992; Tjaden P, Thoennes N. NIJ National Violence Against Women Survey. 2000; CDC. MMWR. 2008)



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Lifetime Prevalence

- 25% of American women will be physically or sexually assaulted by an intimate partner
- By clinical practice setting:
 - Primary Care: 26% of women patients
 - Ob-Gyn: 35% of patients
 - ED: 41% of women patients

(CDC. MMWR. 2008; McCloskey LA, et al. Acad Emer Med. 2005)



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Health Impact

- Exposure to IPV associated with increased:
 - CNS, GI, GYN, M/S, and cardiac complaints
 - Depression, anxiety, post-traumatic stress disorder, suicide, and substance abuse
- Dose-response relationship
- Complaints increase over time
- Increased utilization of medical services

(Bonomi AE, et al. Arch Intern Med. 2009; Kovac SH, et al. AJOG. 2003; Eberhard-Gran M, et al. JGIM. 2007; Gerber MR, et al. JGIM. 2007. Golding JM. J Fam Violence. 1999; Rivara FP, et al. Am J Prev Med. 2007; CDC 2003)



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Health Impact

- Affects up to 32% of pregnant women
- May begin, cease, or continue w/ pregnancy
- IPV in pregnancy:
 - Marker for IPV-related fatality
 - 3 x the risk of femicide vs abused ♀ not harmed during pregnancy
 - Leading cause of maternal mortality

McCloskey LA et al. Acad Emerg Med. 2005; Kiely M et al. Obstet Gynecol. 2010; Parker B et al. Obstet Gynecol. 1994; Castro R et al. Am J Pub Health. 2003; Martin SC et al. JAMA. 2001; Janssen PA et al. AJOG. 2003; Valladares E et al. Obstet Gynecol. 2002; McFarlane J et al. Obstet Gynecol. 2001; Cheng et al. Obstet Gynecol. 2010)



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Are clinicians addressing IPV?

- **Providers who routinely inquire:**
 - Internal Medicine – 6%
 - Family Medicine – 10%
 - Ob-Gyn: 17%
- **5,000 adult women surveyed nationwide:**
 - Most had access to regular healthcare
 - 7% reported ever receiving IPV screening

(Rodriguez MA, et al. JAMA. 1999; Klapp R, et al. JGIM. 2007)