

# Domestic Violence & the Role of the Healthcare Provider: *Assessment and Intervention Strategies*

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5:00-5:30 pm Registration and Dinner

5:30 - 8:30 pm Seminar

Sylvester Powell, Jr. Community Center

Conference Room C  
6200 Martway Street  
Mission, KS 66202

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Intimate partner violence (IPV) is a major public health concern that affects 4 to 6 million relationships each year in the United States. Victims of IPV experience devastating and life-changing physical, emotional, relational and financial consequences that often continue to affect them even after the abuse has stopped.

Victims are very present in the healthcare system, and it is suggested that victims utilize the healthcare system as much as 2.5 times as often as non-abused patients. The impact on the healthcare system that results from intimate partner violence is great. For this reason, healthcare professionals are uniquely positioned and can play an important role in addressing the issue of IPV by identifying victims, offering support and referring patients to community agencies.

Healthcare professionals are among “the first-line response” for many people who experience IPV. Therefore, it is vital to have policies and protocols in place so that they can identify and record incidents of IPV and assist victims with getting the services and support they need. Unfortunately, healthcare professionals face a myriad of barriers that may hinder their ability to effectively identify and assist victims.

The goal of this seminar is to equip healthcare providers with the knowledge and resources necessary to provide services to abused women and men, and to allow them the opportunity to become more comfortable with screening their patients. Numerous healthcare organizations recently have released guidelines for IPV screening and recognizing the dynamics of family violence and the risk factors associated with those experiencing IPV. Healthcare providers will be informed regarding the dynamics of abusive relationships and the clinical signs of abuse, which are important when identifying and treating victims.

The seminar will present strategies to overcome barriers that have been shown to hinder screening and services for IPV victims in the healthcare system. In addition, healthcare professionals will be exposed to a variety of screening methods allowing for significantly higher detection rates as suggested by current evidence and provide or refer women who screen positive to interventional services. By screening earlier and more effectively, victims may be aware of help and resources that are available.

This seminar is designed for all healthcare providers involved in the healthcare of women.

*Overall, I found this learning experience “...extremely helpful, immediately applicable, and completely inspiring” - feedback from a recent attendee.*

**Objectives:**

- Describe the impact of domestic violence on the health of the public and chronic health conditions strongly correlated with a history of IPV.
- Identify the barriers that prevent or negatively impact IPV screening and referring, and develop ways to address and/or remove them.
- Demonstrate effective and routine screening and assessment of patients, and refer those who respond affirmatively to appropriate services in the healthcare setting.
- Identify and provide patients with appropriate community resources to ensure effective management of patients who are victims of IPV.

**Agenda:**

- 5:00 p.m. Registration and light dinner
- 5:30 p.m. Welcome and Program Overview
- 5:40 p.m. Program
  - I. Domestic Violence Prevalence and Awareness
  - II. The Impact of Domestic Violence in Healthcare
  - III. Identifying and Addressing Barriers to Patient Care
  - IV. Strategies for Routine Screening and Referral of Patients
  - V. Role Play Exercises
  - VI. Community and Patient Resources and Support
- 8:30 p.m. Adjourn

**Requirements:** In order to meet the learning objectives and receive continuing education credits, participants are required to sign in, review course materials, partake in the pre- and post-program assessments, attend the seminar in its entirety, and complete the program evaluation at the conclusion of the activity.

**Nurses:** Certificates will be sent via email. Please allow up to 30 days after the conference to receive your certificate and credit hours.

**Physicians:** Certificates will be mailed to physicians who submit a completed credit request form. Please allow up to 45 days after the conference to receive your CME certificate.

If you have any questions, please visit the registration desk.

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**Accreditation:**

**Physicians:** This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital. Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

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## ***Registration***

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Registration form must be received by September 16, 2015.

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To register, please provide the following information and return as instructed below. Spaces are limited. Seats will be awarded in the order applications arrive until capacity is reached.

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