

STI Update  
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# Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)

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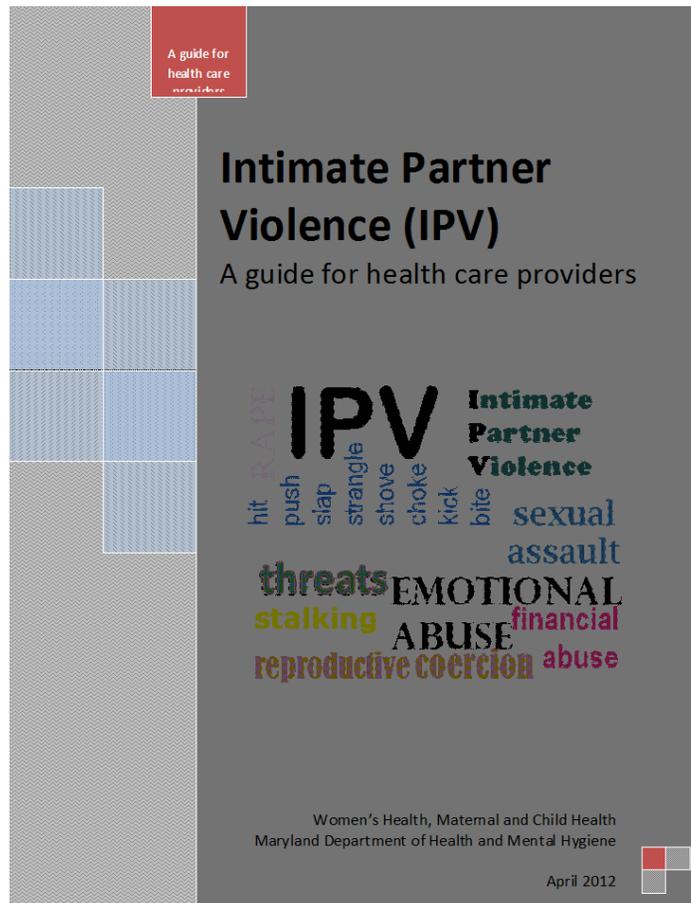
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# IPV

## A Guide for Health Care Providers

<http://fha.dhmfh.maryland.gov/mch/Documents/IPV-providers.pdf>



- Google "Maryland IPV"
- [www.dhmfh.maryland.gov](http://www.dhmfh.maryland.gov)
  - See alphabetic index, "I" Intimate partner violence

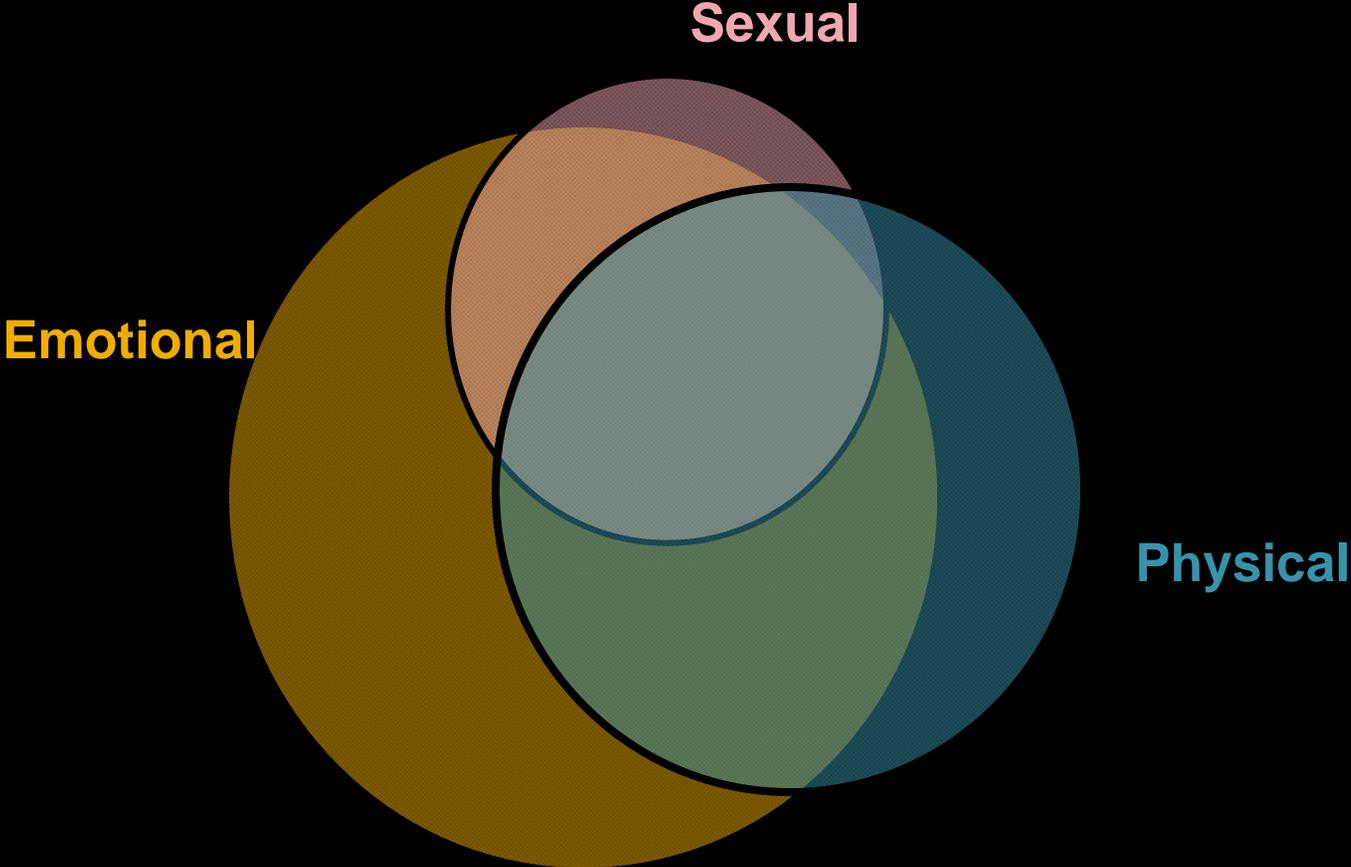


# Definition

- Pattern of assaultive or coercive behaviors perpetrated by a current or former intimate partner
- Characterized by control or domination of one person over another

# Establishment of control

- Physical abuse
  - Throwing objects, pushing, kicking, biting, scratching, punching, hitting, slapping, strangling
- Emotional abuse
  - Threats, harassment, name-calling, degradation, stalking, isolation, blaming, financial control
- Sexual violence
  - Unwanted kissing, touching, fondling
  - Rape, sexual coercion
- Reproductive coercion
  - Control pregnancy options – sabotage/refuse contraception/sterilization, force abortion, injure pregnancy
  - Refusal to practice safe sex – resulting in STI/HIV



**RAPE**

**IPV**

**Intimate  
Partner  
Violence**

hit  
push  
slap  
strangle  
shove  
choke  
kick  
bite

physical abuse

assault  
sexual

threats

**EMOTIONAL**

stalking

**ABUSE**

financial  
abuse

reproductive coercion

# Prevalence

- One out of every three American women will experience IPV in her lifetime.
- Majority of IPV is perpetrated by males toward their female (ex)-partners.
  - 90% of injurious, persistent violence perpetrated by males against females
  - Most female victims are of reproductive age
- **Violence occurs in all socioeconomic groups and to individuals among every culture, race, ethnicity, gender, and religion.**

# Prevalence of Rape, Physical Violence, and/or Stalking by an Intimate Partner, U.S.

IPV	Lifetime		Past Year	
	Female	Male	Female	Male
Rape	9.4	*	0.6	*
Physical violence	32.9	28.2	4.0	4.7
Stalking	10.7	2.1	2.8	0.5
Rape, physical violence and/or stalking	35.6	28.5	5.9	5.0
IPV-related impact	<b>28.8</b>	<b>9.9</b>		
Needed medical care	7.9	1.6		
PTSD symptoms	22.3	4.7		
Concerned for safety	22.2	4.5		
Contracted STI	1.5	*		

# Special Populations

- Teen
- Immigrant
- Disabled
- Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender (LGBT)
- Male
- Military
- Pregnant

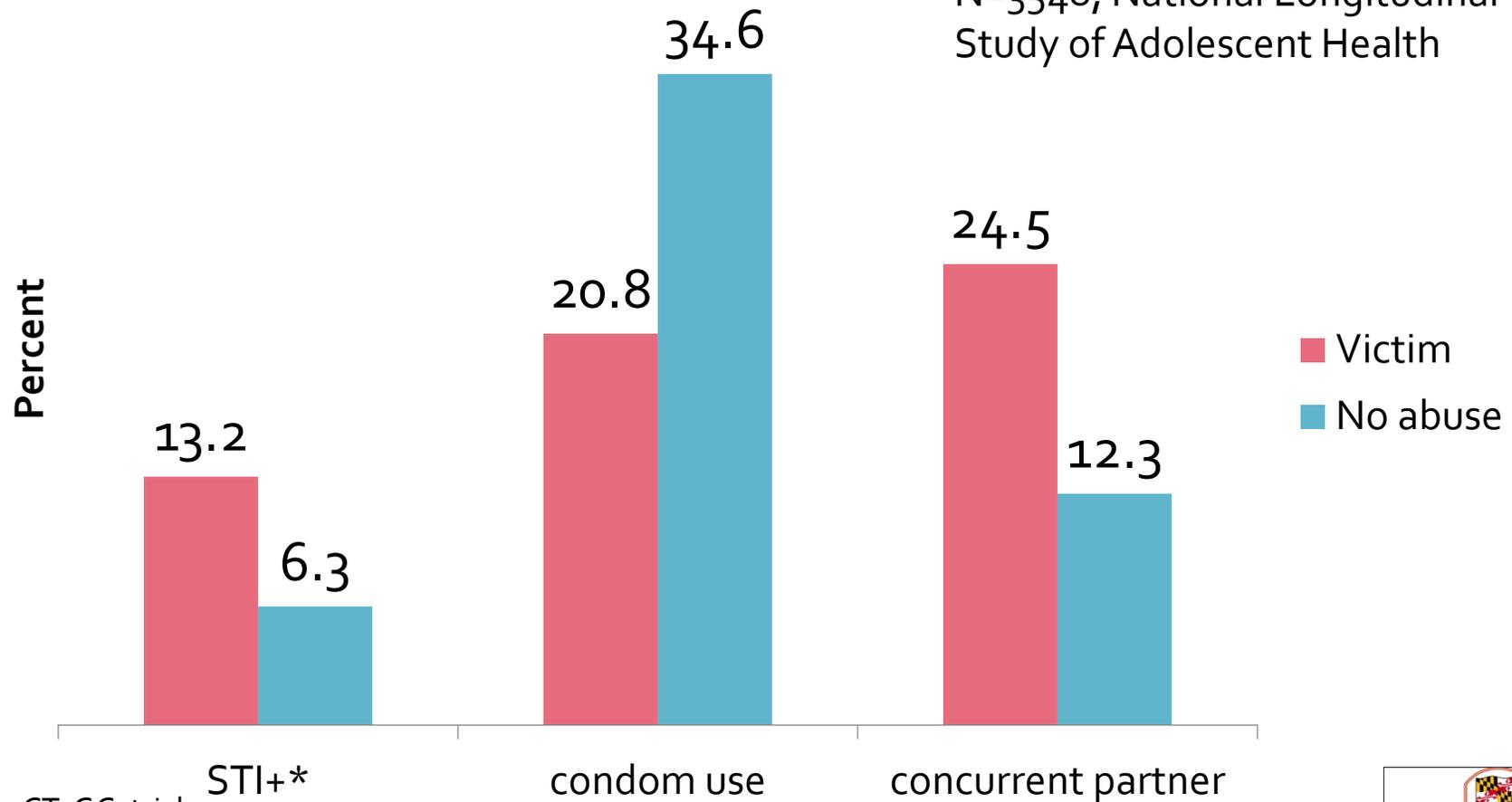
# Why discuss IPV in STI Setting?

## Domestic Violence Fatality Review Case

- 38 y/o BF who survived GSW to head 4 yrs ago
  - BF shot her and all 3 children at home
    - 8 y/o daughter died
    - All others severely injured
- Preventable?
  - STI visit

# Physical/sexual violence and STI

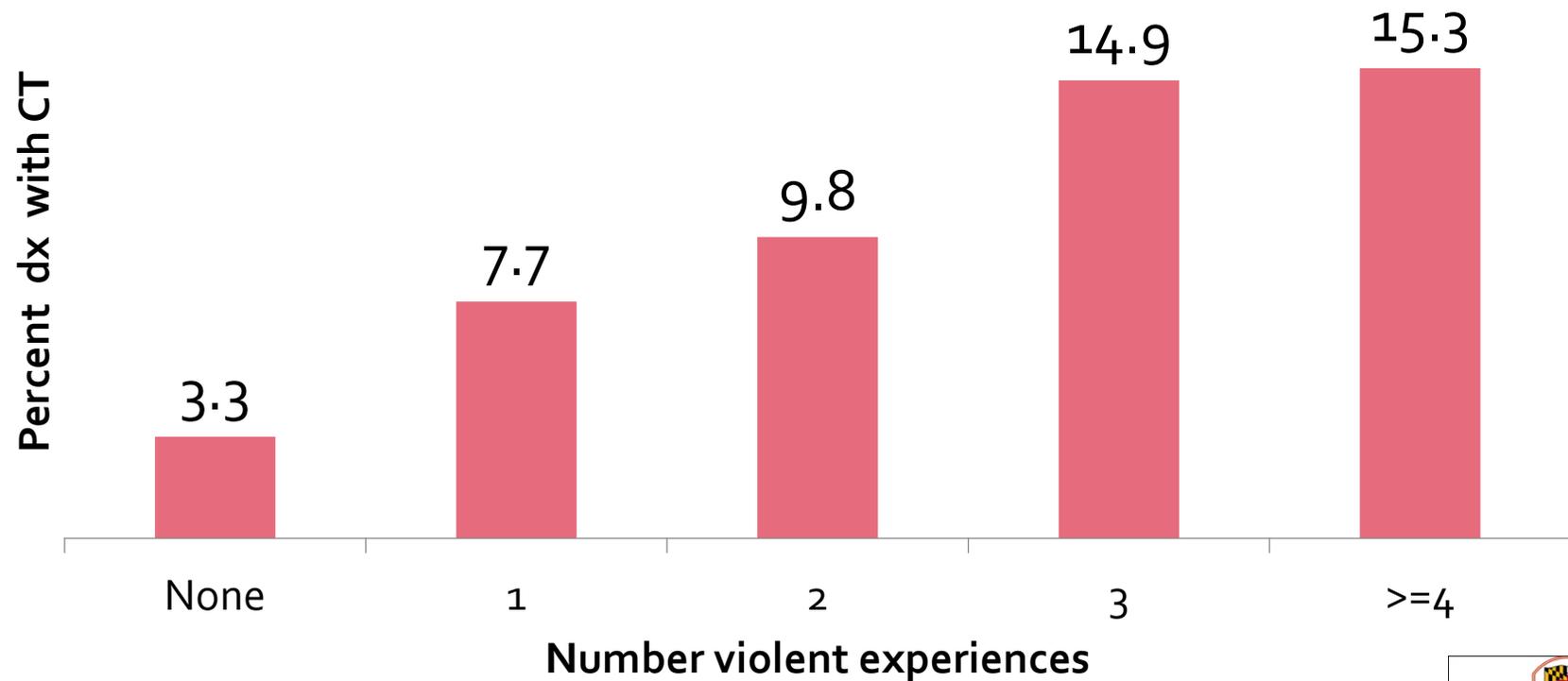
N=3548, National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health



\* + CT, GC, trich  
Hess et al. 2012

# Lifetime IPV and CT

Number of Past Violence Experiences and Past Chlamydia Diagnosis, CA women, N=3521

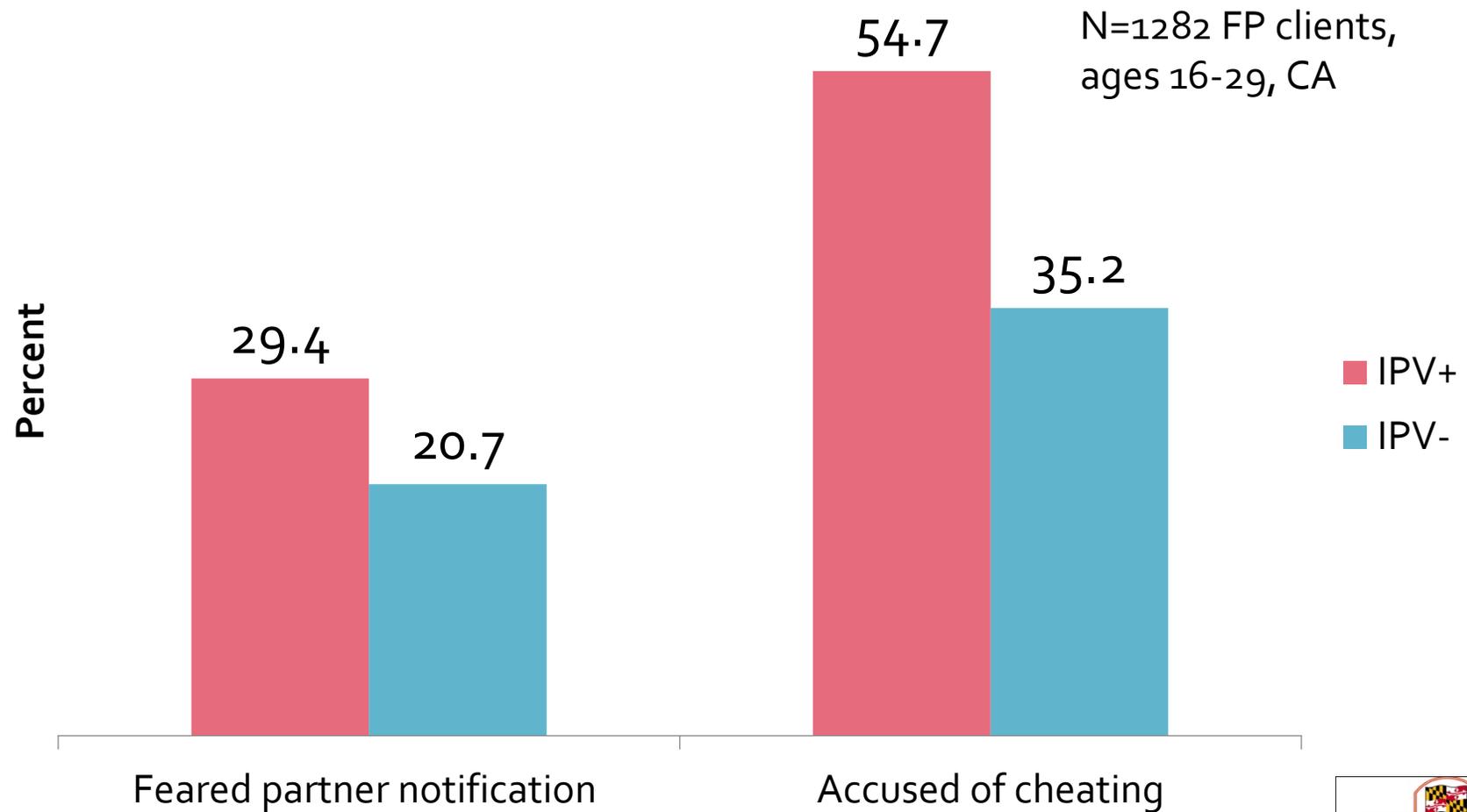


Alvarez, et al. 2009

(physical or sexual child abuse, adult physical or sexual assault, IPV)



# Partner Notification of STI



Decker et al. 2011

# Why discuss IPV in health setting?

- IPV is the cause of many health-related acute and chronic disorders
- IPV is the leading cause of injuries seen in emergency room visits among women.  
(American Psychological Association, 1995)
- Homicide is the leading cause of death during pregnancy and postpartum in Maryland  
(Cheng and Horon, 2011)

# Maternal Mortality review: Homicide Case

- 28 y/o married, college-educated BF
  - 3 children ages 9, 11, 12
  - 6 weeks pregnant
  - Husband=president of the community association
- She was fatally stabbed by husband
  - “I had a [sexually transmitted disease] and I figured I had contracted it from my wife...” He suspected her of seeing someone else

# ACOG Committee Opinion 2012



The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists  
*Women's Health Care Physicians*

## COMMITTEE OPINION

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Committee on Health Care for Underserved Women *This information should not be construed as dictating an exclusive course of treatment or procedure to be followed.*

### Intimate Partner Violence

**Assess for IPV: new and annual visits**

OB - 1<sup>st</sup> prenatal visit, each trimester and postpartum visit.

Other – depression/substance abuse/mental health/injuries

**new or recurrent STIs, asking to be tested for an STI**

# IPV Assessment

- Ask everyone
  - Don't just ask those whom you think are high risk
- Assure confidentiality
- Ask in a private place
- Assess
  - End point = Do you have concerns/are you afraid that a current or former partner may "hurt" you?
  - End point = EDUCATE