

Sample Intimate Partner Violence Assessment¹

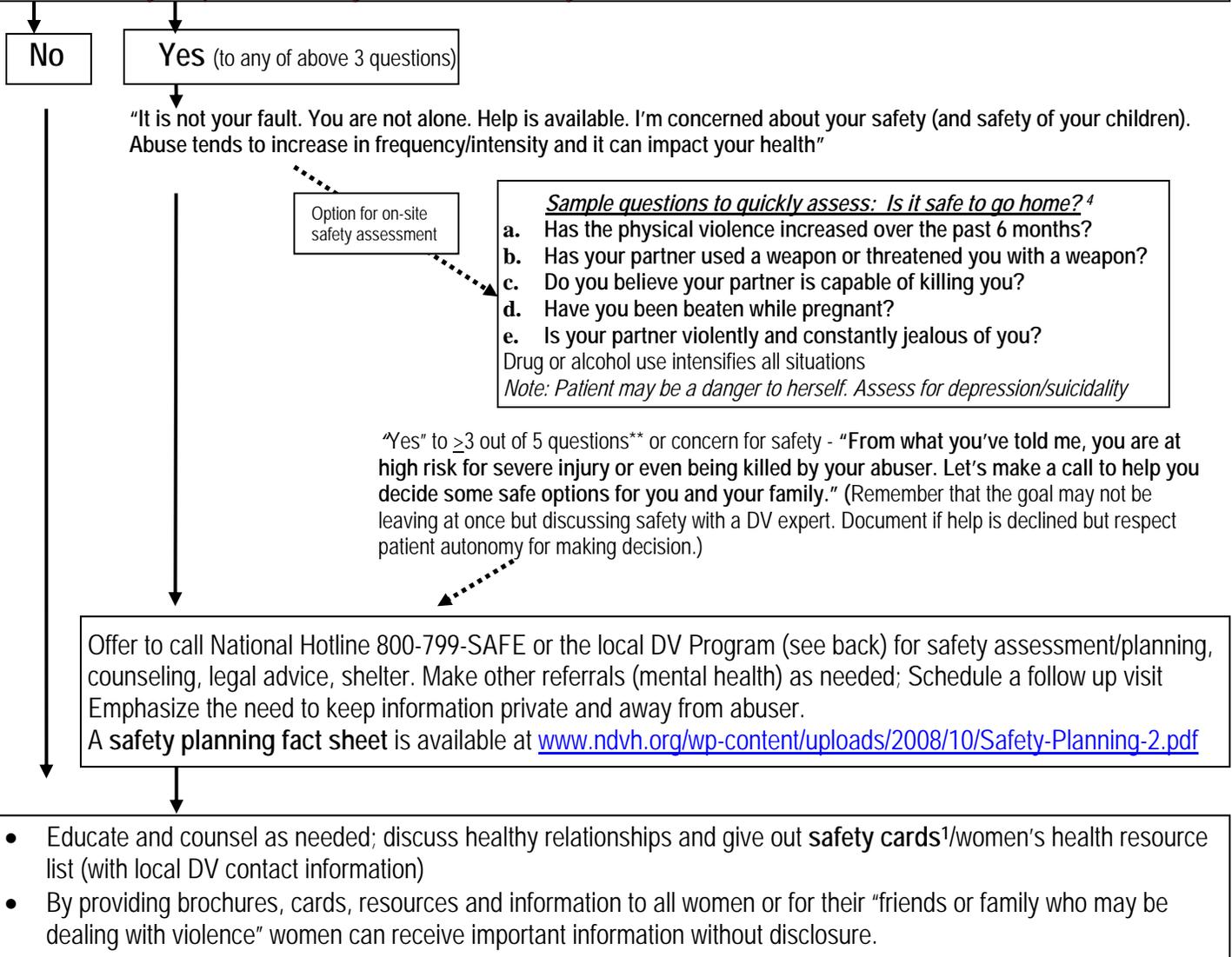
– assess privately, without family/friends; use interpreter (not family/friend) if needed; Assess females, ages 15-50, at every new, interval comprehensive, or urgent care health visit – as part of routine health history. Assess **obstetric patients** each trimester and postpartum. Ask directly or have patient self-administer the questions by computer or paper. Assess **anyone** when signs and symptoms raise concerns about violence (injuries, drug/alcohol use, STIs, psych disorders).or at provider discretion. Introductory statements:

- "Because violence is so common and help is available, I now ask every patient if they are being hurt by a current or former partner."
- "I won't tell anyone else about what is said unless you give me permission."

[Exceptions for Maryland: abuse of vulnerable adults, children < 18 years of age by a guardian, or certain injuries, e.g. inflicted by gun or moving vessel]³

Sample questions²:

1. "Has your current or former partner threatened you or made you feel afraid?"
(stalked you, insulted you, threatened you with a weapon, threatened to hurt you or your children if you did or didn't do something, controlled whom you talk to/where you go/how you spend money)
2. "Has your partner hit, strangled or physically hurt you?"
("hurt" includes being hit, slapped, kicked, "choked" [or strangled], bitten, shoved)
3. "Has your partner made you have sex when you didn't want to?"



¹Intimate Partner Violence: A guide for Health Care Providers", available at www.dhmf.maryland.gov/ipv/ has more information about IPV assessment, documentation, reporting requirements, special populations, resources and how to order safety cards

²Confidentiality and Reporting Requirements in Maryland, http://healthymaryland.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/05/66090_DomVio_Confid.pdf

³Other IPV assessment tools such as "HITS" may be found at www.cdc.gov/ncipc/pub-res/images/ipvandvscreening.pdf

⁴ adapted from Academic Emergency Medicine 2009; 16:1208-1216

Maryland Domestic Violence/ Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)/Sexual Assault Service Programs		
County	Program	Daytime Number
Allegany	Family Crisis Resource Center	301-759-9946
Anne Arundel	YWCA Domestic Violence Services	410-626-7800
Baltimore City	House of Ruth MD	410-889-0840
	TurnAround, Inc.	410-837-7000
Baltimore County	Family and Children's Services of Central MD	410-281-1334
	Family Crisis Center of Baltimore County, Inc.	410-285-4357
	TurnAround, Inc.	410-377-8111
Calvert	Crisis Intervention Center	410-535-5400 x384
Carroll	Family and Children's Services of Central MD	410-876-1233
Caroline	Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence	410-479-1149
Cecil	Cecil Co. Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis Center	410-996-0333
Charles	Center for Abused Persons	301-645-8994
Dorchester	Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence	410-479-1149
Frederick	Heartly House	301-418-6610
Garrett	The Dove Center	301-334-6255
Harford	Sexual Assault/Spouse Abuse Resource Center	410-836-8431
Howard	Domestic Violence Center	410-997-0304
Kent	Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence	410-479-1149
Montgomery	Abused Persons Program	240-777-4210
Prince George's	Family Crisis Center, Inc.	301-779-2100
	House of Ruth MD (legal, counseling services)	240-450-3270
Queen Anne's	Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence	410-479-1149
St. Mary's	Walden/Sierra, Inc.	301-863-6677
Somerset	Life Crisis Center	410-749-0771
Talbot	Mid-Shore Council on Family Violence	410-479-1149
Washington	CASA (Citizens Assisting and Sheltering the Abused)	301-739-4990
Wicomico	Life Crisis Center	410-749-0771
Worcester	Life Crisis Center	410-749-0771

Resources

Hotlines: 24/7

National Domestic Violence Hotline

1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

1-800-787-3224 TTY

(interpreters for 170 languages and links to local DV hotline)

National Teen Dating Abuse

1-866-331-9474

On-line chat

www.loveisrespect.org

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network

(RAINN) Hotline

1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

Asian and Hispanic Resources

Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project
202-464-4477

Adelante Familia 410-732-2176

Futures Without Violence - excellent resource for patients and providers, **brochures, safety cards**, fact sheets
www.FuturesWithoutViolence.org

House of Ruth Maryland - information and resources for patients
www.hruth.org, 410-889-7884 (hotline), 410-889-0840 (administrative office)

Look to End Abuse Permanently - information for health care providers on IPV assessment
<http://www.leapsf.org>

Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MCASA)
www.mcasa.org, 410-974-4507

Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) – information to help health care providers assess for IPV
www.dhmh.maryland.gov/ipv

Maryland Health Care Coalition Against Domestic Violence (educational materials, reporting requirements)
<http://healthymaryland.org/public-health/domestic-violence/>. 410-539-0872

Maryland Network Against Domestic Violence – information for patients, brochures, safety cards, fact sheets, data
www.mnadv.org/, 800-634-3577

Women's Law Center of Maryland, Inc. - information about protective orders and other legal matters
www.wlcmd.org, 410-321-8761