



Objectives: Domestic Violence

1. In a patient with new, obvious risks for domestic violence, take advantage of opportunities in pertinent encounters to screen for domestic violence (e.g. periodic health exam, visits for anxiety/depression, ER visits).
2. In a patient in a suspected or confirmed situation of domestic violence:
 - a. Assess the level of risk and safety of children (e.g. the need for youth protection).
 - b. Advise about the escalating nature of domestic violence.
3. In a situation of suspected or confirmed domestic violence, develop, in collaboration with the patient, an appropriate emergency plan to ensure the safety of the patient and other household members.
4. In a patient living with domestic violence, counsel about the cycle of domestic violence and feelings associated with it (e.g. helplessness, guilt) and its impact on children.

** Mapped to the CFPC's 105 priority topics: #31-Domestic Violence