



'There is something wrong and I can help'

Learning to recognise and respond to patients who use intimate partner violence.

2022 Family Violence: Community of Practice

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An Australian Government Initiative

Join professionals from general practice, mental health and drug and alcohol services, hospitals and the family violence sector at one of the 2022 Family Violence Community of Practice sessions.

Facilitated by Matt Addison, University of Melbourne the sessions will include:

- Education on the topic: *There is something wrong and I can help: Learning to recognise and respond to patients who use intimate partner violence.*
- An expert panel case discussion and Q&A
- Facilitated networking with local general practices, hospitals, mental health, drug and alcohol and family and domestic violence services.

Learning outcomes:

- Improve skills and confidence to recognise, respond and refer for family violence
- Understand multidisciplinary roles in managing family violence
- Get to know local players – find out what local services are available and who to refer to/who your referrers are.

REGISTER ONLINE
6.30-8pm **on Zoom**

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MAY

WEST
Brimbank, Hobsons Bay,
Maribyrnong, Melton,
Moorabool and Wyndham

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NORTH & CENTRAL
Darebin, Hume, Macedon Ranges
Melbourne, Moonee Valley,
Moreland and Yarra

REGISTER ONLINE to secure your spot.
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Every year, police respond to 75,000 cases of Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) across Victoria. Prevalence studies, however, indicate that this number is just the tip of the iceberg, and hundreds of incidents of IPV are occurring across our communities each day undetected.

Whether you recognise it or not, every day in your practice you are engaging with patients using or at risk of using IPV.

IPV is a serious public health and social issue that every sector across our communities has a role in stopping. Many studies indicate that GPs are the first professionals that people experiencing and using IPV disclose to. Because of the often-close relationships between doctors and patients, GPs are in a unique position to engage with patients using IPV and to support them to seek help to change their behaviour.

In this module you will learn:

- Your role and responsibilities in identifying and responding to patients using IPV
- The common presentations of patients using IPV
- Principles of safe engagement with patients using IPV
- Referral pathways for patients using IPV

About the facilitator

Matt Addison, Research Officer. University of Melbourne Department of General Practice, Faculty of Medicine, Dentistry and Health Sciences.

Matt has extensive practice, policy, and research experience working with people who have used domestic and family violence. For the last 10 years, Matt has worked as a counsellor, supervisor and researcher in the field of domestic and family violence.

Approximately 1 in 4 women have experienced violence by an intimate partner.



Please register online to secure your spot

We encourage you to attend the event most relevant to the geographic area of your work to optimise your learning and networking outcomes.

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6.30-8pm on Zoom

17 May 2022 (west)

or

24 May 2022 (north/central)



Questions?

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2022 Family Violence Community of Practice Expert panel case discussion with Q&A

The Family Violence Community of Practice has been built to foster interdisciplinary and cross-sector learning and pathway development, to better integrate primary care services with the broader community and social care services sector and improve referral pathways.

2022 expert panel

This year we have lined up an expert panel from across the sector including:

- Kaye Frankcom, Clinical and Counselling Psychologist, MAPS
- Zanetta Hartley, Specialist Family Violence Advisor, North Western Mental Health
- Jac Dwyer, Family Violence Practice and Development Officer, Berry Street
- Dani Gold, Specialist Family Violence Advisor, Mental Health, Royal Children's Hospital.
- Denise McAloon, Services Team Leader, No To Violence
- Dave Kwame Arthur - Senior Clinician from Odyssey House Victoria and AOD system representative

What happened last year?

The first series of events in 2021 was attended by 47 health professionals and 15 presenters/facilitators from a variety of disciplines, and a range of health and sector organisations, as well as people with lived experience.

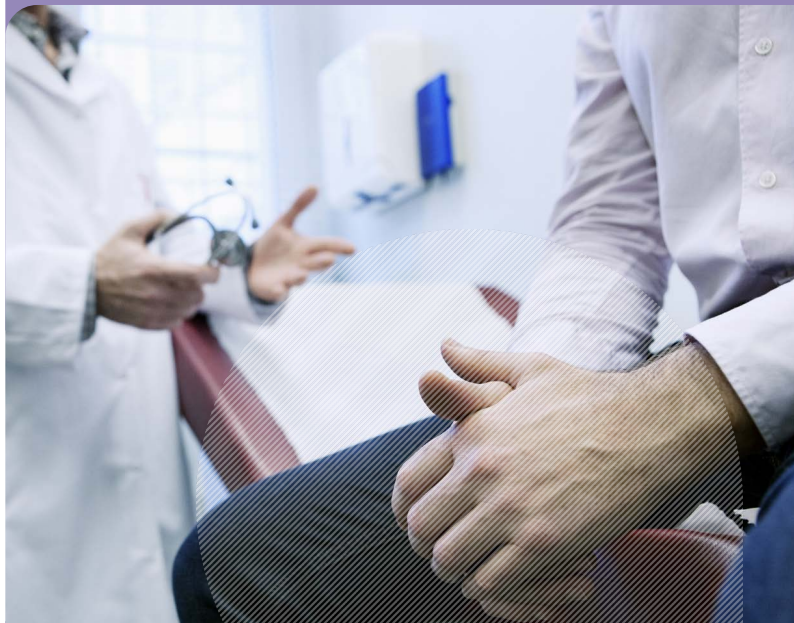
Feedback from the 2021 sessions showed that there is a need for a comprehensive training for primary care professionals to feel confident to identify and manage perpetrators in the family.

Read more about the first sessions [on our website](#).

Partners



Intimate partner violence contributes to more death, disability and illness in women aged 15-44 years than any other preventable risk factor.[i]



For more information and resources

To learn more about the role of primary care professionals and how to respond to family violence, visit the [family violence for primary care page](#).

This includes family violence services and other resources including a short video [Starting Conversation About Family Violence](#) by Professor Kelsey Hegarty of the University of Melbourne.

For GPs, see the Family Violence referral pathways visit [Melbourne HealthPathways](#).