

Instructions for RNZCGP Audit:

Detection of Interpersonal Violence Affecting Target Population (Approved Aug 2018)

Background

Interpersonal violence (IPV) is a well-recognised factor influencing health. It is difficult to detect unless specific questions are asked within a consultation. Such questions are deemed to be appropriate within a general practice consultation. However, such questions are often perceived as “too difficult” by GPs. By determining a target population and auditing the ability to routinely ask questions about inter-personal violence, the GP may be able to recognise the value of such questions and identify possible barriers to asking the question. The patients might benefit from such an enquiry because it raises an important topic & allows the opportunity for interventions for the patient and also potential intervention for the patient’s children, family or friends, if problems are identified during routine enquiry.

NB It is recommended that specific IPV education & training takes place before this intervention is attempted.

Plan

The doctor is routinely enquiring about current or past experience of inter personal violence within the eligible “target” population.

Target population: All women > 16yr, presenting for a routine health consultation will be asked about their past experience of IPV [using questions like those examples on the MoH VIP website- see footnote]¹ . Perform audit of approximately 50 women over several sessions.

Criteria

The fact that routine enquiry took place, the response, if +ve- whether current or historic and comments should be collated and reviewed but also recorded in the notes, ideally in an easily extractable fashion (e.g. within Screening tools). Comment or actions taken can also be recorded.

If question is not asked of eligible woman, data will be collected as to why not, e.g. someone else present in consultation, patient asked within previous 12 months, too busy, etc.

¹ <https://www.health.govt.nz/publication/recognising-and-responding-partner-abuse>

Adding the audit to your RNZCGP MOPS page:

Participating doctors can claim **10 credits for a first cycle and 10 credits for a second cycle**. Please note a second cycle is optional and only two cycles are permissible.

- All doctors must complete a summary sheet outlining the action plan that they intend to implement based on the audit results for each audit undertaken.
- A copy of the summary sheet is attached. It does not need to be sent to the College unless the doctor is under College audit.
- You are encouraged to discuss the outcomes of the audit with your peer group or practice.

Each participating GP records completion on the **CPD/MOPS Online Dashboard**, under the **Audit of Medical Practice** section.

From the drop down menu select "**Approved Practice/PHO Audit**" and record the audit name and PHO/Practice (= **Detection of Interpersonal violence affecting target population MEDSAC**).

Attach your summary sheet as supporting documentation.