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New Resource On Screening Patients For Abuse

A new *Screen to End Abuse* video from the Family Violence Prevention Fund (FVPF) offers health care providers the information they need to begin screening their patients for domestic violence.

Many experts say that properly trained doctors and other health care providers are especially qualified to intervene to help battered women. Yet a study published in 1999 in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* found that less than ten percent of primary care physicians routinely screen patients for partner abuse during regular office visits.

This Telly Award-winning video provides step-by-step guidance on routine health screening for domestic violence, demonstrating screening techniques, how to identify victims of abuse and how to help prevent family violence. It also includes information and tips on how to discuss domestic violence with patients of various ages, and steps to take after a patient discloses abuse.

The *Screen to End Abuse* video outlines vignettes and interviews with practicing physicians, demonstrating how health care practitioners should screen patients for domestic violence in five different clinical settings, including a pediatric practice and a women's health clinic. The video also examines the use of interpreters, teen dating violence and abuse in homosexual relationships.

The *Screen to End Abuse* video was developed by the FVPF's National Health Resource Center on Domestic Violence in collaboration with the University of California San Francisco and the California Medical Training Center, with major funding from the California Endowment. It is available for purchase for \$10.00 at <http://store.yahoo.com/fvpfstore/screentoenda.html>.