

## WORKSHEET - Intimate Partner Abuse Screening Suggestions

### Partner Violence Screen (PVS)

1. Have you been hit, kicked, punched, or otherwise hurt by someone within the past year? If so, by whom?
  2. Do you feel safe in your current relationship?
  3. Is there a partner from a previous relationship who is making you feel unsafe now?
- A “yes” response on any question is considered positive for partner violence.

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“Many people, at one time or another, get physical with their partner when they’re angry. For example, some people threaten to hurt their partners, some push or shove, and some slap or hit. I’m going to ask you about a variety of common behaviors, and I’d like you to tell me if your partner did these during the past year.”

For each behavior answered no, put a “zero” in the appropriate box and ask if patient was bruised or injured in any other way.

If answer is yes, code “1” for no injury, “2” for possible injury, and “3” for injury.

Has your partner...

1. Thrown something at you ( ) 1 2 3
2. Pushed, grabbed, or shoved you ( ) 1 2 3
3. Slapped you ( ) 1 2 3
4. Kicked, bit, hit you with a fist ( ) 1 2 3
5. Hit or tried to hit you with an object ( ) 1 2 3
6. Beat you up ( ) 1 2 3
7. Threatened you with a gun or knife ( ) 1 2 3
8. Used a gun or knife ( ) 1 2 3
9. Forced you to have sex when you didn’t want to ( ) 1 2 3

Ask the following questions if the answer to any of the above questions is anything other than “zero”

10. “Some people are afraid that their partners will physically hurt them if they argue with their partners or do something their partners don’t like. How much would you say you are afraid of this happening to you?”

- ( ) Not at all (1)  
( ) A little (2)  
( ) Quite a bit/Very afraid (3)

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