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Physician quote after screening patient

IPV screening rates went from 12% to 45%



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Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Screening Study

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INTRODUCTION

Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) is a common and preventable public health problem. IPV increases a patient’s risk for many acute and chronic health problems and significantly increases healthcare costs. Despite a 2013 UPSTF Grade B recommendation to screen all women of reproductive age for IPV and refer to appropriate resources, many systems and providers have not yet implemented this work. Our aim was to implement IPV screening of women ages 18-55 in an outpatient setting in at least 5 Intermountain Healthcare clinics. Our screening results and referrals were entered in the EHR and then tracked and measured.

PURPOSE

Implement IPV screening among staff and providers at select clinics across the Intermountain Healthcare system and connect patients to appropriate resources and referrals.

METHOD

- Previous reviews of existing IPV measures were identified which provided some guidance to summarize the content of existing measures and to assess the possible strengths and weaknesses of each.
- Six existing IPV measures were identified, summarized, and assessed
- A possible alternative IPV measure was proposed to potentially address assessed deficits in existing measures.

RESULTS

- **15** clinics implemented IPV screening
- **7,200** patients screened
- **2,160** patients with a past history of IPV were connected to resources (therapy, education)
- 144 patients currently in an unhealthy relationship were connected with a Domestic Violence Advocate

DISCUSSION

Our project team found that implementation of IPV screening resulted in positive screening rates among patient populations that mirror national statistics. This suggests that, for the clinics that are screening, the process is well-executed and clinicians are having candid conversations with patients. These findings support the case for screening expansion and maintaining the same workflow that has already been established.

