



# Improving Screening and Referral Practices for Adolescent and Caregiver Intimate Partner Violence in a Pediatric Hospital



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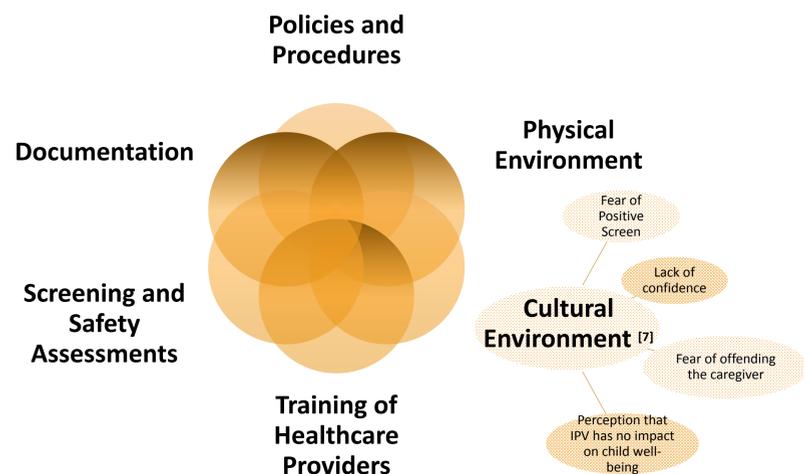
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## BACKGROUND

- The American Academy of Pediatrics encourages child and adolescent health care providers to be aware of and understand the importance of recognizing intimate partner violence (IPV) and its effects on child health and development [1].
- Up to 30% of US children are exposed to IPV [2].
- Children exposed to IPV are at increased risk of being abused and neglected [3].
- IPV and child abuse co-occur in 30-60% of cases [4].
- Up to 20% of female high school students and up to 50% of college students report previous experience of emotional, sexual or physical violence by a partner [5] [6].
- Early and repeated assessment for IPV in pediatric settings is recommended.

**Identifying IPV may be one of the most effective means of preventing child abuse.**

## BARRIERS TO ADDRESS IPV IN PEDIATRIC SETTINGS



## OBJECTIVES

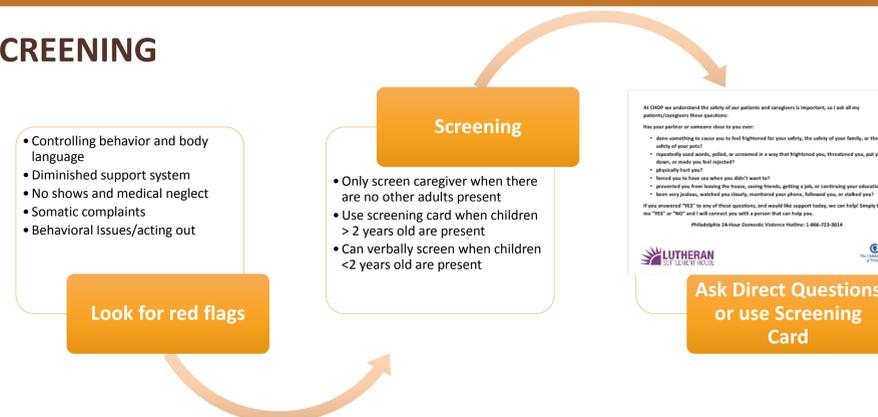
- To raise awareness among pediatric providers about IPV and its effects on children's health and well-being
- To formalize the IPV screening and referral process at our institution
- To strengthen the collaboration with Lutheran Settlement House, as it continues to provide management resources for families experiencing IPV

## METHODS

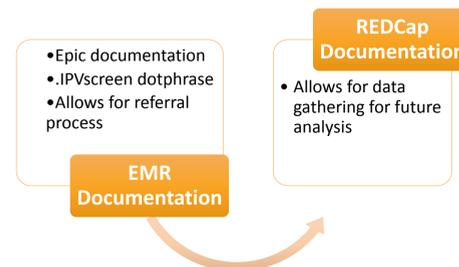
- Delphi assessment was performed in our hospital's emergency department (ED)
- IPV Task Force created and quality improvement project initiated to monitor progress, data gathering and analysis
- Multidisciplinary collaborative model was established to implement screening and referral process in the ED
- Partnerships with other clinical departments have been established for program expansion

## PROGRESS IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

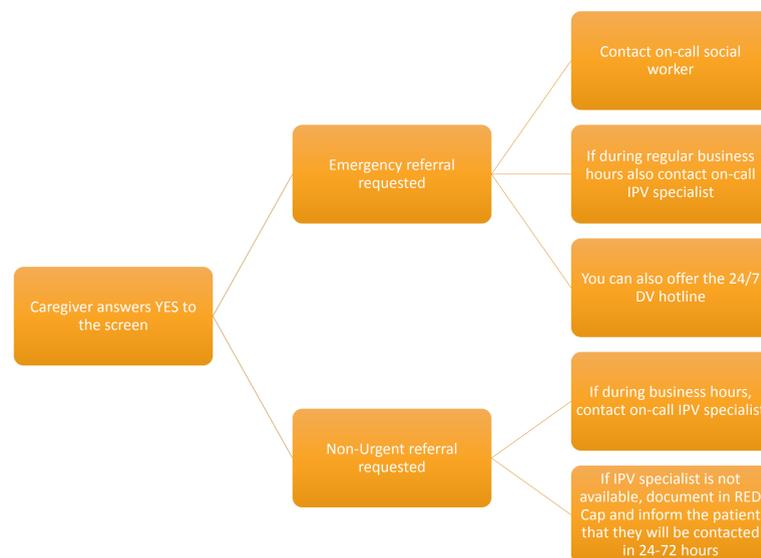
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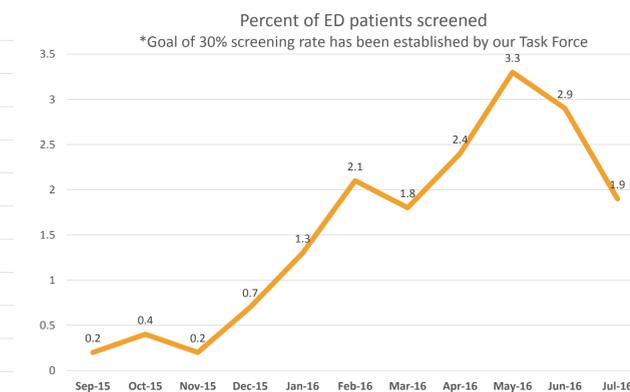
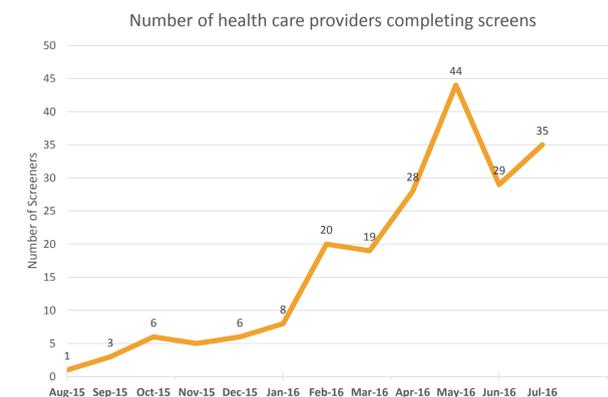
### DOCUMENTATION



### REFERRAL



## RESULTS



Total Number from January to September 2015 to August 2016

Health care providers screening for IPV in ED	175
Families screened for IPV during ED visits	1467
Referrals to IPV Specialist	80

## NEXT STEPS

- Continue gathering data to achieve and maintain screening rate of at least 30%
- Continue healthcare provider education about IPV, its effects on child health and development, and available resources
- Create partnerships with other clinical departments
  - Psychiatry, NICU, Outpatient general pediatrics clinics
- IPV Taskforce working on translating screening cards into ten different languages
- Formalize institutional policy on IPV screening, documentation and referral process

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