Domestic Violence (DV) in The Emergency Department (ED). It’s Time to Act!!

The Balancing Act Of DV SCREENING?

- With reports over mainstream media that Covid 19 is declining but social distancing, isolating and quarantining is to continue, what then for women currently in Domestic Violence situations?
- How can ED assist women who are victims of DV, when screening is not routinely available?
- So what are the screening barriers for, DV in the ED and what can be sustainably implemented?

1. ED staff experiences and areas to address.......

No training

Not enough time

Didn't know it was my job!

Not sure how to start screening

ED

2. Weighing up the current situation

Domestic Violence on the RISE

Intimate partner & family violence

WOMEN IN VIOLENT RELATIONSHIPS

NUMBERS AFFECTED BY C19 GOES DOWN BUT DV INCREASES

WHERE DO THEY GO & WHAT CAN I DO?

ISOLATION & SOCIAL DISTANCING REMAINS

3. Given available information, SMART goal is:

By 30th September, 2020, 70% of women 16 years and over, who present to the ED, will be screened for DV, as per NSW Health Policy.

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