Improving the Healthcare Response to Intimate Partner Violence

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The AMA encourages all providers to appropriately screen, access, treat and refer their patients who experience intimate partner violence. Yet, it continues to be an under detected and under reported crime. It is estimated that only one in 20 victims is identified by a physician.

This small group design will assist with the identification, assessment, treatment and referral for victims of intimate partner violence with a focus on interviewing techniques. Students will experience service agency contact and shadowing experience, attend activities focused on medico-legal compliance within the Criminal Justice System, and participate in case studies and discussion.

Objectives:
Upon completion the student will:
1. Demonstrate knowledge of the bio-psychosocial perspective of intimate partner violence across the lifespan.
2. Demonstrate skills in the identification, assessment, intervention and perform referrals of those victimized
3. Describe medico-legal compliance and how documentation and comprehensive care connect to community access.