

“Nurses in the Know with RNAO” Webinar Series:

Woman Abuse: Screening, Identification, and Initial Response

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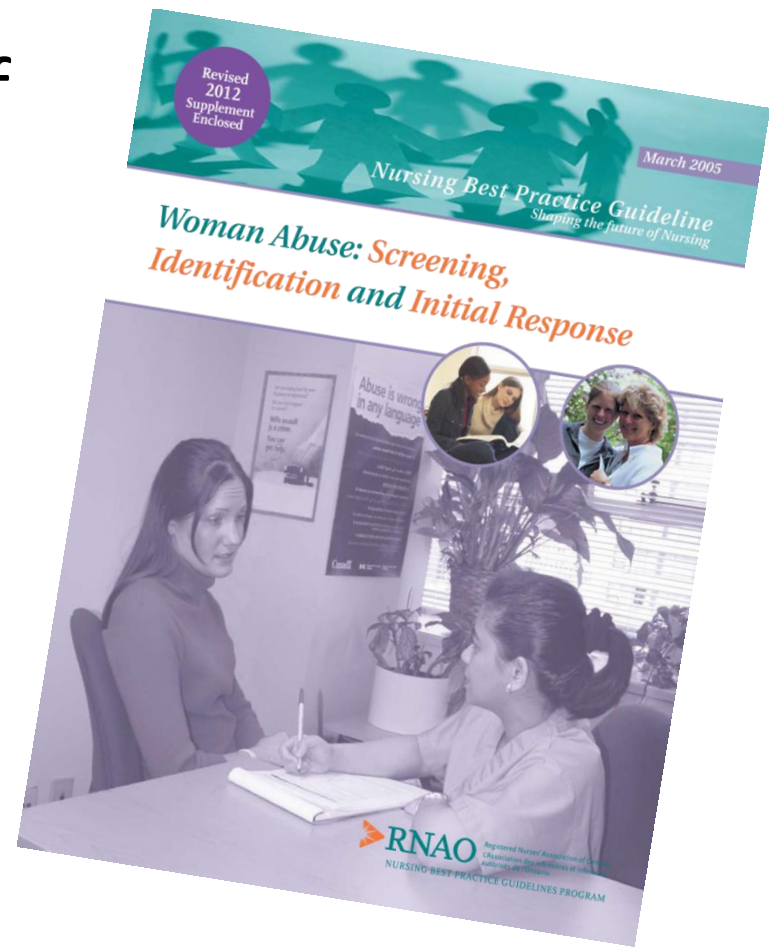


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Objectives

To increase the awareness of this guideline by:

1. Describing the guideline revision process;
2. Reviewing the recommendations; and
3. Applying a teaching scenario.



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***Format: Presentation for 40 minutes and
Q&A for 20 minutes.***

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History

- Original BPG was started in 2004 and published in March 2005.
- Revision was started in 2010 and completed earlier this year.
- Intention of review to ensure **validity** and **safety** of the recommendations as published in 2005.

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Research Questions

1. A. What is the most effective approach for screening for woman abuse/intimate partner violence?
B. What validated tools are available for screening for woman abuse/intimate partner violence?
2. What is the most appropriate age to initiate screening?
3. What are the most effective interventions in response to a disclosure of woman abuse/intimate partner violence?

Review Process

- Literature published between 2005 and 2010.
- Databases: CINAHL, Medline, EMBASE and web of science.
- Guidelines published between 2005 and 2010.
- Search terms identical to original literature search

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Review Process

Literature Search

- 1000 abstracts retrieved
- 123 articles met the inclusion criteria
- Quality appraisal of studies
- Data extraction table

Guideline Search

- 36 guidelines retrieved
- 4 guidelines met the inclusion criteria
- AGREE II review of 4 guidelines
- 1 guideline included: SOGC (2005)

Highlights

- Asking questions about abuse in the lives of women continues to be a step in the process of addressing woman abuse.
- Nurses and other health professionals are in a privileged position to assist women experiencing abuse/intimate partner violence.

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Highlights

- Universal screening of all females 12 yrs and older
- Women experiencing “intimate partner violence” was the primary forum in terms of screening, identifying and initial response for this BPG

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Practice Recommendations

1. Nurses implement routine universal screening for woman abuse [intimate partner violence] in all health care settings.
2. Routine universal screening be implemented for all females 12 year of age and older.

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Practice Recommendations

3. Nurses foster an environment that facilitates discourse. This necessitates that nurses:
- ask about woman abuse/inmate partner violence; and
 - respond to disclosure.

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Practice Recommendations

4. Nurses develop screening strategies and initial responses that reflect the needs of all women taking into account differences based on culture, race, ethnicity, class, religious/spiritual beliefs, age, ability, and/or sexual orientation.

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Education Recommendations

5. Nurses use reflective practice to examine how their own beliefs, values and experiences influences the practice of screening.

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Education Recommendations

6. Nurses know what to document when screening and responding to abuse.
7. Nurses know their legal obligations when a disclosure is made.

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Education Recommendations

8. Mandatory educational program in the work place be designed to: increase nurses knowledge, and skills; and foster awareness and sensitivity about woman abuse.
9. All nursing curricula incorporate content on woman abuse in a systematic manner.

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Organization and Policy Recommendations

10. Health-care organizations develop policies & procedures that support effective routine universal screening for, and initial response to woman abuse.
11. Health care organizations work with community to improve collaboration & integration of services between sectors.

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Organization and Policy Recommendations

12. Nursing best practice guidelines can be successfully implemented only where there are adequate planning, resources, organizational and administrative support, as well as appropriate facilitation.

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New Additions

- Selection of assessment tools.
- Framing introductory questions.
- Safety planning.
- Updated educational resources.
- New teaching scenarios.

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New Additions

- Sample polices.
- Responding to disclosure.
- Ecological framework.
- References.

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Teaching Scenario

- During a postpartum home visit with a 24 year old mother & new baby discharged 2 days ago (also has a 4 year old child), you notice the house is in disarray and the young child stays right at Mom's side watching your every move.

Teaching Scenario

- Mom appears very tired, favouring her right arm and baby is lying on sofa next to her. At some point the child states, “Daddy hits mommy”.
- Mom bursts into tears and looks terrified.

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Teaching Scenario

1. How would you respond to this disclosure?
2. What legal obligations should you consider?
3. What safety planning would you discuss with the mother?

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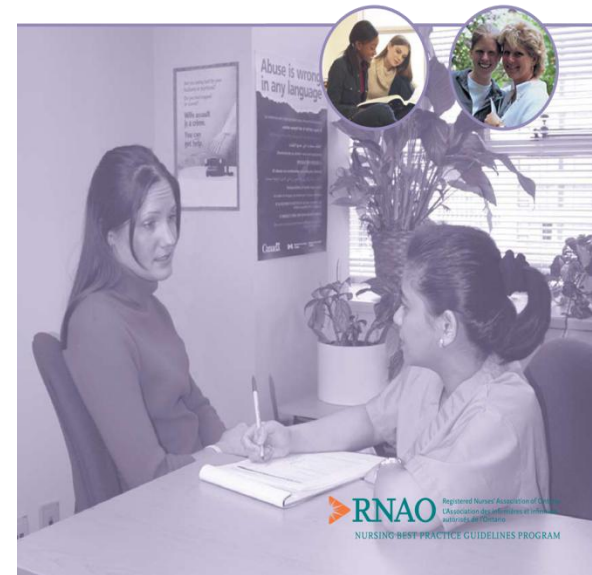


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When nurses practice screening for woman abuse/intimate partner violence – woman, their children and the community can find a way out of violent relationships into healthier living.



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Your thoughts and questions...

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Webcast recording and presentation slides:
<http://rnao.ca/bpg/guidelines/woman-abuse-screening-identification-and-initial-response>

Evaluation:
<https://survey.rnao.ca/WomanAbuseEvaluation>

Thank you.

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