

**Some sample questions to use to approach the subject of violence or abuse (pick 3 or 4 to use with patients):

1. Are you or have you ever been hurt physically or threatened by your partner or someone else? What was done or said to you?
2. Are you or have you ever been treated badly by your partner or someone else? In what ways were you treated badly?
3. Has your partner or anyone else ever destroyed things that you care about?
4. Has your partner or anyone else ever threatened or abused your children?
5. Has anyone, including your partner, ever forced you to have sex when you did not want to? Has your partner ever forced you to engage in sex that made you feel uncomfortable?
6. What happens when you and your partner or other household members disagree?
7. Do you ever feel afraid of your partner or anyone else?
8. Has your partner or anyone else ever prevented you from leaving the house, seeing friends, getting a job, or continuing your education?
9. If your partner or anyone else in the household uses drugs or alcohol, how does he or she act? Is he or she verbally or physically abusive when drinking or using drugs?
10. If you have guns in the house, has anyone ever threatened to use the gun when angry?
11. Is there any violence in your home? Does the violence ever get physical?
12. Have you ever been physically or sexually abused?
13. Have you ever been raped, on a date or at any other time?
14. Have you ever been picked on or bullied? Is that still a problem?
15. Have you gotten into physical fights in your school or your neighborhood? Are you still getting into fights?
16. Have you ever felt that you had to carry a knife, gun, or other weapon to protect yourself? Do you still feel that way? Why?