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**National Health Collaborative  
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# Virtual Briefing on Intersection of Reproductive Health and Violence and Abuse



**As part of Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), we will hear from researchers, health professionals, and advocates on the impact of domestic and sexual violence on reproductive health and discuss bipartisan policy solutions to support survivors.**

Women with unintended pregnancies are two to four times more likely to experience physical violence than those whose pregnancies were planned, and those who experience abuse are at increased risk for pregnancy complications and poor birth outcomes. Pregnancy also increases the risk of intimate partner homicide, particularly for younger women and girls and Black women.

While the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists recommends universal screening for intimate partner violence during pregnancy, research indicates that fewer than 30% of women are actually screened<sup>1</sup> or connected to services.

Now more than ever – providers play a critical role in decreasing risk for unplanned pregnancy and supporting pregnant women that may have been sexually, physically, or emotionally abused. Join us in a conversation to learn more about how to prevent the impact violence and abuse by offering effective interventions and to learn more about timely policy solutions.

***Focused on finding solutions, the National Health Collaborative on Violence and Abuse (NHCVA) reaches more than 850,000 health and allied health professionals among its 30 members***

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<sup>1</sup> Sharples L, Nguyen C, Singh B, Lin S. Identifying Opportunities to Improve Intimate Partner Violence Screening in a Primary Care System. *Fam Med*. 2018;50(9):702-705. <https://doi.org/10.22454/FamMed.2018.311843>.

**Date: Monday,  
October 31, 2022**

**Time: 1:00 P.M.-2:00  
P.M. EST**

**RSVP Here:**