

Addressing Intimate Partner Violence: An Interdisciplinary Panel

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Meet the Panelists



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Learning Objectives

- Identify signs of intimate partner violence in multiple types of interactions.
- Discuss strategies for addressing intimate partner violence.
- Build capacity to adapt strategies for addressing intimate partner violence based on various factors.

Scenario #1: Louisa

- Louisa, a 22-year-old woman, comes into clinic for HIV/sexually transmitted infection testing.
- She seems nervous and expresses that she is worried about her partner finding out she is being tested since he usually insists on going with her to medical appointments.



Scenario #1: Louisa



- During intake, Louisa shares that she tries to ask her partner to use condoms but that somehow the condoms always seem to disappear during sex. Louisa says that when she asks her partner about it, they shut down the conversation or just brush it off, saying, “***I guess it was just that good.***”
- Louisa is worried about STIs and unplanned pregnancy, saying, “***That’s why I’m here; I don’t know what else I can do but get tested.***”



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Scenario #1: Louisa

- 22-year-old woman
- Comes into clinic for HIV/STI testing
- Worried about partner finding out she's being tested
- Partner usually insists on attending her appointments
- Partner described as reluctant to discuss or adhere to contraception planning
- Worried about STIs and unplanned pregnancy

What potential intimate partner violence (IPV) are you noticing?

What needs are you noticing?

What resources and/or next steps would you recommend to Louisa?

Scenario #2a: Piper

- Piper, 40 years old, comes into clinic and has been accessing regular HIV care in the clinic since they were diagnosed 6 years ago.
- Piper hasn't had any issues with medication and medical adherence until recently. Over the past year, they've increasingly missed their scheduled appointments.



Scenario #2a: Piper



- Piper expresses that they started a new relationship about a year ago, and that things “**got really serious really fast**” with their partner asking them to move in shortly after they started dating.
- Piper also shares that their partner doesn’t know that they are living with HIV, and they are worried about how they will react when they find out.



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Scenario #2a: Piper

- Piper discloses that they don't want to raise any "red flags" with their partner by coming to clinic as often, especially when Piper now lives farther from the clinic than they used to and would need to borrow their partner's car to get there.
- During a routine substance use screening, Piper mentions that before meeting their partner, they would only "**have a drink or two on the weekends**" and "**smoke a joint [cannabis] once in a while.**" When asked about how that's changed since meeting their partner, Piper appears to shut down and after a little while, asks to talk about something else.



Scenario #2a: Piper

- 40 years old
- Diagnosed with HIV 6 years ago, regularly accesses treatment
- Recent pattern of missing appointments
- New, fast-moving relationship; lives with partner
- Partner doesn't know Piper is living with HIV; Piper worries about their reaction
- Lives far from clinic; needs to borrow partner's car to make appointments.
- Reluctant to discuss substance use since meeting their partner.

What potential intimate partner violence (IPV) are you noticing?

What needs are you noticing?

What resources and/or next steps would you recommend to Piper?

Scenario #2b: Piper

- 6 months later, Piper returns for their regular HIV care appointment and first speaks with a member of the front desk team.
- The receptionist asks how their day is going and Piper just shakes their head and quietly says, ***"It's been a hard week."***
- During regular contact info updates, the receptionist asks Piper if their address is still correct. Piper appears stressed and says, ***"For now, but I don't know how long I'll be able to stay there."*** The receptionist replies with empathy toward Piper and sends a message to Piper's health navigator and provider to let them know Piper might need support with housing.



Scenario #2b: Piper



- Piper meets with a health navigator who checks in about medication access, along with other general checks (food access, transportation to appointments) and mentions that the receptionist made a note that it might be helpful to talk about housing.
- Piper looks a little surprised at first but then shares that they had been paying their rent portion to their partner since they're not on the lease, but they found out that their partner didn't actually pay the rent and has been spending that money on alcohol and other substances instead.
- Piper shares their worries about what they'll do if they get an eviction notice since there's no way they can afford the rent alone.



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Scenario #2b: Piper

- Piper also mentions that they feel guilty because they've been drinking more from the stress and sometimes gives in to their partner's pressure to use together, saying, "***I can't totally blame my partner for using up the rent money when I've been using with them.***"
- Piper isn't sure exactly what they've been using since their partner prepares their hits.



Scenario #2b: Piper

- 40 years old; diagnosed with HIV 6 years ago, lives with partner.
- Piper seems uncertain about how long they can stay in their current living arrangement
- Pays their share of rent to their partner directly as Piper is not on the lease.
- Partner isn't paying rent but instead spending rent money on alcohol and other substances.
- Worried about eviction notice.
- Drinking more from the stress; blaming themselves for participating.
- Partner prepares their hits.

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What resources and/or next steps would you recommend to Piper?



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