COMPREHENSIVE STRANGULATION EDUCATION FOR HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONERS

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PURPOSE

Develop an education program for Healthcare Practitioners on all aspects of Strangulation care.

BACKGROUND & SIGNIFICANCE

- 1 in 3 women in America have experienced Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) (CDC, 2010)
- IPV tends to escalate over time (Wilbur et al., 2001)
- Strangulation is a powerful tool used by violent men to exert power and control over their partners (Wilbur et al., 2001)
- More than 50% of women whom are strangled have NO EXTERNAL SIGNS of trauma (Faugno, Waszak, Strack, Brooks, & Gwinn, 2013)
- Women who survive being strangled are SEVEN TIMES more likely to die as a result of IPV (Glass et al., 2008)
- Murder is the 3rd leading cause of death for women ages 18-34, and 5th leading for women 35-44 (CDC, 2011)
- In cases where the perpetrator is known - more than half of women whom are murdered are killed as a result of IPV (Violence Policy Center, 2013)

OBJECTIVES

- Raise awareness of Healthcare Practitioners of the prevalence and lethality of IPV and Strangulation in America
- Educate Healthcare Practitioners to recognize IPV and Strangulation attacks
- Impart knowledge to Healthcare Practitioners to perform thorough and complete Strangulation assessments
- Produce in-depth, quality documentation to be used in the criminal justice system
- Provide information and skills to Healthcare Practitioners to ethically intervene for families dealing with IPV

CONFLICTS

There were no conflicts of interest