Following feedback from attendees at our 2015 Abuse and Violence webinar series, the RACGP is offering this one-hour webinar for primary care clinicians and health managers to further develop their knowledge and understanding of family violence. The webinar will provide an overview of the role of GPs in identifying and responding to men who use violence in their relationships.

The session will be interactive, use clinical examples and have a strong focus on the current evidence available to guide practice in this field.

**Aims**
- Provide an overview of the role of GPs in identifying and responding to men who use violence in their relationships
- Provide practice strategies for responding appropriately to men who use violence in their intimate relationships
- Increase awareness of services available to families experiencing intimate partner violence

**Presenters**

Cathy Humphreys is Professor of Social Work at the University of Melbourne and co-director of the Melbourne Alliance to End Violence Against Women and Their Children (MAEVe). Cathy worked as a social work practitioner in the mental health, domestic violence, and children, youth and families sector for 16 years before becoming a social work academic. She undertakes research in the areas of domestic and family violence, particularly around interventions relating to fathering, and out of home care that supports practice and policy developments. She provided significant input into the Victorian Royal Commission into Family Violence.

Ronald Schweitzer is a general practitioner and lecturer of undergraduate medical students at Monash University. Ron has been working as a GP since 1984. He has a special interest in the area of domestic violence and is a member of No To Violence. He has been involved in running the Men’s Responsibility Group, a group for men who are violent and abusive to their partners and/or children, via the MonashLink Community Health Service. Ron has presented extensively on domestic violence both in Australia and overseas and has written articles on the subject.

Adam Hasandedic holds qualifications in Counselling, Social Science and Family Violence and has over ten years of clinical experience. He is currently a facilitator in men’s behavioural change programs and fathers’ groups. He works at La Trobe University School of Psychology, runs professional development programs for a number of community organisations and is also a counsellor in private practice.
Facilitator

Kelsey Hegarty is a practising GP and a Professor leading the Abuse and Violence in Primary Care research program in the Department of General Practice at The University of Melbourne. Kelsey is also co-director of the Melbourne Alliance to End Violence Against Women and Their Children (MAEVe). She has played a significant role in the development of the RACGP’s White Book on Abuse and Violence and the gplearning modules on family violence. Kelsey has developed an innovative domestic violence curriculum for health practitioners and regularly teaches domestic violence and mental health issues to undergraduate and postgraduate medical and nursing practitioners.

Potential participants

- GPs, nurse practitioners, practice managers, allied health professionals, aboriginal health workers/practitioners and other primary care providers
- Medical, nursing and allied health students wanting to further their knowledge and understanding of intimate partner violence
- Health managers and policy-makers wanting to learn about evidence available to guide best practice in the field.

Dates and times

24 May 7.00–8.00 pm (AEST)
2 June 12.30–1.30pm (AEST)

Free registration

To register, click on the following links:
24 May: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8989154443999410690
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