Does Intimate Partner Violence Affect the Acceptability of Expedited Partner Therapy?

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Background

- In 2010, over 90,000 cases of intimate partner violence were reported in New York State [8] and 2.5 million cases were reported nationally [9]. Women use dysphasia to affect their health.
- Nearly 20% of US women have experienced intimate partner violence (IPV) in their lifetime, with an estimated 3.3 million women experiencing violence annually [10]. Women have shown associated risk with IPV exposure.
- Recent data from the US Department of Health and Human Services indicates that IPV affects the health of victims and their partners.

Methods

- Study participants consisted of women receiving services at an urban community health center in Upstate NY; participants completed a self-administered questionnaire.
- An assessment of respondents' general and sexual health, partners on health policy, exposure to IPV and related demographics were collected. Participants were told the survey was voluntary and anonymous and assured that refusal would not affect the healthcare received. The study was approved by the University at Albany's Institutional Review Board.
- Data were analyzed using SAS version 9.1 (SAS Institute, Cary, NC).

Results

- Characteristics of Study Participants

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Discussion

- To date, this study is the first to evaluate how IPV affects the acceptability of EPT among women.
- The acceptability of EPT was assessed by questions with five-level Likert scale response options: "Strongly agree," "Agree," "Neither agree nor disagree," "Disagree," or "Strongly disagree."
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