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Editor's Note

If family physicians routinely ask about domestic violence, there will be many positive answers. Some will reveal major, immediately life-threatening violence. Most will reveal less dramatic stories. While this article provides much information on how to function in practice, I believe it would be useful to understand more on what to do when patients reveal early, mild forms of abuse or behaviors that suggest potential abuse. Dissolution of relationships is neither an easy nor a realistic solution for many cases.

Thus, the *Archives of Family Medicine* would like to solicit practical solutions for early signs of domestic violence. What can a family physician do in small amounts of time, perhaps over repeated visits, that will make a difference for these families? We would like to publish a couple of brief responses. Thank you.

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