

# HEALTH CARE RESPONSE TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE:

AN ADVOCACY-BASED  
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# MANUAL DESCRIPTION

The **Maryland Health Care Coalition Against Domestic Violence** (the Coalition) has spent several years developing a Manual to aid hospitals and other health care facilities in creating programs to better address domestic violence with their patients. The updated Manual is completed and Coalition trainers are available to introduce the steps required to implement the policies and procedures outlined in the Manual. Several practical models are described—from in-house fully-staffed programs to partnerships with local programs that improve an institution's response. The hospital may adopt the model that best fits its own facility, in whole or in part. The Manual also contains numerous aids such as release forms for photography, body maps, screening questions, and community resources. The Manual was piloted in August 2010 at Prince George's Hospital Center and again in October 2011 with Greater Baltimore Medical Center. Please contact the Coalition at [dvcoalition@medchi.org](mailto:dvcoalition@medchi.org) for more information on training and consultation.

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