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## "1 in 6 women in Australia have experienced family violence in their lifetime"

The next patient to walk through your door may be one of them. You may never know because she's scared.

She may be new to Australia and feel isolated or trapped.

You may be the only professional she comes into contact with today who can help.

We have adapted successful trials of GP training and referral support in Australia and in the UK which are currently being rolled out to assist women experiencing family violence. The program we are able to offer in Melbourne is tailored specifically to respond to violence in Indian and other South Asian communities.

The HARMONY training program will help you to sensitively and confidentially identify women patients experiencing family violence and provide a first line response. You will also be able to call a specialist South Asian family violence caseworker during or after the consultation to enhance your patient's safety and wellbeing. The caseworker will be managed by inTouch Multicultural Centre Against Family Violence, will visit the clinic weekly if agreed, and be available for secondary consultation.

We are a group of academics and GPs responsible for writing the RACGP White Book 'Abuse and violence: Working with our patients in general practice'

## What does the HARMONY study offer?

If you are a GP of South Asian background, we would like to work with your practice by offering -

- free RACGP accredited family violence training and resources for all practice staff
- dedicated support (phone/in clinic) from a specialist bilingual family violence caseworker
- feedback on patient progress
- opportunities to join other participating GPs for telephone case discussion with expert input
- \$500 reimbursement to the practice for participation

Interested? Please indicate overleaf and email or fax the document to my colleague Ann Wilson at ann.wilson@latrobe.edu.au or fax no. 9479 1391. Once notified of your interest, we will call your clinic within 3 business days to arrange a meeting.

If you are not interested, we'd also appreciate you letting us know (indicate overleaf). The feedback will be valuable and we'll know not to send follow up invitations.

**Thank you** for your time and we look forward to working with you.

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Please fill in this form if you want to be contacted further regarding this study.
I am interested in hearing more about this study (please tick)
Name:
Practice name:
Contact number
Please email or fax this completed sheet to Ann Wilson at ann.wilson@latrobe.edu.au
or Fax no. 9479 1391 or call 9479 3955
Please fill in this form if you do <u>not</u> want to be contacted further regarding this study.
I am <u>not</u> interested in being contacted further about this study (please tick)
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Thank you for your time.

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