

Web Sitings

Battling Domestic Violence

In an effort to fill the "persistent gap" in scientific literature regarding timely information on pilot and demonstration projects, preliminary data, and exploratory research on family violence, the Family Violence Prevention Fund has launched a free, biannual, online journal, Family Violence Prevention and Health Practice (www.endabuse.org/health /ejournal). Building on the idea that health care providers play a critical role in early identification, intervention, and prevention of family violence, the journal aims to improve the health, safety, and care of survivors.

The current issue features articles that describe the many challenges of recruiting community-based primary care practices to participate in domestic violence training programs, suggest ways to incorporate intimate partner violence education into undergraduate and graduate professional training programs, and evaluate health carebased domestic violence programs. Currently, the e-journal's editors are soliciting article submissions; peer reviewers; and specific clinical, programmatic, or research challenges and innovative

solutions from health care professionals.

SAFE Stroke Support

Looking to recommend a good resource for stroke patients? Stroke Awareness for Everyone, Inc. (SAFE), which began as a grassroots organization in 1995, is a nonprofit, international, internetcentered coalition of stroke survivors and their families as well as physicians, nurses, and therapists involved with stroke. Through its web site (www.strokesafe.org), SAFE strives to provide support for those affected by stroke and to promote stroke awareness and prevention.

In consideration of those who have been physically or cognitively disabled from stroke, the web site avoids excessive animation and slow loading graphics. What visitors will find is an indepth stroke library, recommended reading, and links to sites offering more information on stroke. Those with questions regarding stroke treatment and recovery

can post a note on the message board or join a more private e-mail distribution list.

Guidelines for Clinical Practice

Have you been looking for a comprehensive database of evidence-based clinical practice guidelines that you can access online? Now, through its web site (www.guidelines.gov), the National Guideline Clearinghouse, an initiative of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, is available for use.

You can access the guidelines by entering a search term or browsing through the Disease /Condition or Treatment /Intervention categories. Searching on some conditions, such as hypertension or obesity, yields links to over 100 relevant guidelines, as well as to other guidelines by the developing organizations. In addition to selecting specific guidelines, the site allows you to generate guideline comparisons and download guideline summaries.

