

## Annexure 1

# Domestic Violence Case 1

*(Standardised Patient Briefing)*

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## Description

The participant is dispatched to a P2<sup>2</sup> call for an assault. The patient was punched in the eye the previous night when she and her husband were arguing. The ambulance was only dispatched the following morning. The husband is extremely apologetic and acting kind to the patient. This is not the first time this has happened; 2 months prior, her husband had shoved her into the wall because she was not listening to him. The patient believes that it was her fault. At the moment she feels safe around her husband, as she knows that he only hits her when he is intoxicated. The patient will refuse to go to the hospital and will not want to lay criminal charges against her abuser.

## Patient Demographics and Candidate Brief

Abi, female, 24

## Presenting History (Candidate Storyboard)

You are dispatched on a Priority 2 call for an incident which had happened the previous night. An adult female patient was punched in the eye.

## Previous Medical History

None

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<sup>2</sup> Priority 2: In the Western Cape EMS, this is a lower-priority case (non-life-threatening), unlike a Priority 1 case (P1).



## Known Allergies

None

## Patient's Opening Statement

Light-heartedly say that you do not need an ambulance. You called for EMS in the heat of the moment last night, but this morning your husband apologised for everything.

## Presentation and Behaviour of Patient and Carers

Role	General appearance	Body language	Mood/affect	Communication
Patient	The right eye is bruised and tender. You should be relaxed and appear content.	Relaxed, open body language.	Light mood, you are not concerned with the situation or what happened last night.	You should be very open about the events of the previous night.

## Open-Ended Questions and Guidelines

Information to share	Information to withhold



<p>You should share that you were punched in the face by your husband.</p> <p>Your husband is extremely apologetic and acting very kindly now.</p> <p>This is not the first time that this kind of thing has happened. Two months ago, he shoved you into the wall because you were not listening to him – you believe it was your fault.</p> <p>You do not want to go to the hospital or lay charges.</p> <p>You feel safe around your husband, because you know that he only hits you when he is drunk.</p>	Nothing
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## Patient History of Present Illness

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Location	Right eye
Quality	Aching
Severity	4/10
Duration	Since last night
Timing	Last night @ approximately 21:00
Context	You were punched in the eye the previous night when you and your husband were arguing.
Modifying factors	Putting an ice-cloth on it makes it feel better.
Associated signs and symptoms	None

## Past Medical History



Illnesses/injuries	Hospitalisation	Surgical history	Gynaecologic history (if relevant)
Shoved into the wall about 2 months ago in another argument with your husband. Bruising to your back.	None	None	None
Medications (prescription, OTC, supplements)			None
Allergies and reaction (e.g. meds, environmental, food)			None

## Family Medical History

Family-tree info	Conditions/chronic diseases
None	None

## Social Medical History

Substance abuse	Home environment	Social support	Occupation
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Not me, but my husband drinks a lot.	The home environment changes a lot. There were a lot of arguments leading up to the incident from last night. But things are a lot better now. I feel safe at home.	I have friends, but I don't see them often.	Currently unemployed; my husband says that I do not need to work if I keep the house looking nice.
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## Physical Exam Findings

Bruised right orbit.

## What Should Patient Expect from this Visit?

Professionalism, no judgment.

## Guidelines for Feedback

Feedback will take place in the post-simulation focus-group discussion.

