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Peel Health Research Study on Woman Abuse.

Telephone Survey evaluating:

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Woman abuse is a growing public health concern, which results in both short and long-term adverse effects on women's physical and psychological health.

Since 2003, Peel Health has worked in collaboration with the College of Family Physicians and other community partners to plan, implement and evaluate CME certified skill building workshops and education rounds on the issue of woman abuse.

In 2004, Peel Health conducted an in-depth audience analysis of health professionals to explore their ideas, issues and needs with regards to the issue of woman abuse. The findings highlighted the need for an innovative and practical screening tool for use in health care settings. In response to these findings, Peel Health developed and distributed the ***Abuse Screening Kit – ASK*** in 2005. This resource was developed to support and assist physicians and other health care professionals to identify and respond to women who are experiencing abuse.

*To view the ASK resource, visit  
[familyabuseprevention.ca/resources/ASK](http://familyabuseprevention.ca/resources/ASK)*

*To request a copy of ASK,  
call  
Peel Public Health 905-799-7700*

The funding for this work is coming to an end. As a result, Peel Health will be conducting a telephone survey with physicians to evaluate two components of the family abuse prevention initiative. The telephone survey will also explore physician's

ongoing needs to sustain the practice of women abuse screening in the Region of Peel.

Peel Health has contracted the services of a survey research firm, Compustat Consultants Inc., to conduct this telephone survey on our behalf. You may be randomly selected to participate. We estimate that it will require about 15 minutes of your time. If you choose to participate, we will be providing an honorarium of \$60 as a token of our thanks.

Your participation is critical and will contribute to our community efforts to decrease the incidence of woman abuse in Peel.

All responses are confidential.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please call the project supervisor, Dawn Machado, at 905-791-7800 Ext. 2698.

***Conference Opportunity***

***Mark your calendars!***

The Impact of Children Witnessing  
Violence: Working Towards a  
Collaborative Response.

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