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### **Violet project: tools and tips**

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**Background and Aim:** in Italy every three days a woman is killed by her husband, partner or ex-boyfriend, often before children. Underestimated Istat data show that one in three women in her life has been victim of violence.

**Materials and Methods:** The Simg Dauna, with the help of AslFg and Fimp, has promoted an initiative aiming at activating training courses on domestic violence addressed to primary aid doctors. Such venture is supposed to provide the addressees with a toolbox as it follows:

1. Simg poster - purple bow. A very quick and effective tool, aiming at catching the surgery patients' attention.
2. Brochure. A practical tool for general practitioners and pediatricians, due to recall as quickly as possible the warning signs and the patients' clinical conditions.
3. Software. in Excel format for general practitioners and pediatricians, in hard copy for 118 and continuity of care.
4. Purple Day. It is a day dedicated to enhance the entire population awareness about how domestic violence can seep through ordinary life.

At the same time may represent a chance for the population to see how health care workers, legal authorities and ordinary people can relate to each other and debate.

**Results:** in 2 years, 16 of the researches involved have identified 126 cases of domestic violence, they have become vigilant sentinels and reliable, supportive reference points for all the women and children they care of.

**Conclusions:** A physician who is really aware and trained on domestic violence can be efficiently supported by all the tools described above. Such toolbox might be responsible for a great change affecting society and victims as well. All the people suffering from this kind of violence are supposed to be rescued from their dramatic stories with the help of the local service network.