

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH 2025 - Advanced Intervention & Clinical Care Strategies

DAY 1 - Thursday 10/9

TIME	HOUR	SESSION
9:00 AM	1	OPENING & PANEL DISCUSSION TONY MODERATOR - PANEL DISCUSSION: Beyond the Emergency: Transforming Domestic Violence Responses.
10:00 AM	1	The Power of Evidence: How the Susan Still Case Changed Domestic Violence Sentencing.
11:00 AM	1	Inside the ER: Navigating Stress and Sustaining Wellness for Emergency Professionals
12:00 PM	1	From Panic to Precision: Navigating Chaos for Injured Children in the ED
1:00 PM	1	Silent Alarm: Proactive Best Practices for Mandated Reporters in Domesitc Violence and Child Safety.
2:00 PM	0.5	Q & A Session
DAY 1 HOURS	5.5	

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DAY 2 - Friday 10/10

TIME	HOUR	SESSION
9:00 AM		OPENING TO DAY 2
9:10 AM	1	Shifting the Standard: ED Protocols and Real-World Tools for Domestic Violence Intervention.
10:00 AM	1	Inside the System: Supreme court insights on domestic violence law, evidence, and enforcement.
11:00 AM	1	When Patients Can't Speak: Uncovering Human Trafficking in Emergency Care.
12:00 PM	1	CLOSING PANEL DISCUSSION ON COLLABORATING WITH OTHER EMERGENCY RESPONDERS: When Systems Connect: Reimagining Domestic Violence Intervention.
1:00 PM	0.5	Q & A and CLOSING REMARKS
DAY 2 HOURS	4.5	Hours
TOTAL EVENT HOURS	10	

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WELCOME TO THE 2025 DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH CONFERENCE.

DAY 1

9 AM - [OPENING SESSION](#) - XIAO CHI ZHANG, MD (TONY) - [PANEL DISCUSSION: Beyond the Emergency: Transforming Domestic Violence Responses.](#)

10 AM - SESSION 2 - ENID OCASIO, MPA

[The Power of Evidence: How the Susan Still Case Changed Domestic Violence Sentencing.](#) This session will explore both the complexity of abuse dynamics and the potential for justice when emergency systems work effectively.

11AM - SESSION 3 - SELF CARE WITH RAMONA PHILLIPS

[Inside the ER: Navigating Stress and Sustaining Wellness for Emergency Professionals](#)
The urgent and unique environment of emergency medicine requires centering actionable wellbeing strategies for professionals on the frontline.

12 PM - SESSION 4 - KATHLEEN KENNEY RILEY, EDd, NP

[From Panic to Precision: Navigating Chaos for Injured Children in the ED](#)
Discussion on the high-intensity of the ED environment while emphasizing rapid, expert care and emotional intelligence needed for pediatric crises.

1 PM - SESSION 5 - VALENTINA NIKULINA, PHD

[Silent Alarm: Proactive Best Practices for Mandated Reporters in Domestic Violence and Child Safety.](#) This session will emphasize action, empowerment, and the proactive role of mandated reporters and the importance of keeping a heart-centered approach and tone.

2 PM - [DAY 1 Q & A SESSION](#) - XIAO CHI ZHANG, MD (TONY)

DAY 2

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9 AM - [OPENING SESSION](#) - XIAO CHI ZHANG, MD (TONY)

9:10 AM - SESSION 2 - KEYNOTE PRESENTER: ALAN CHERNEY, MD

[Shifting the Standard: ED Protocols and Real-World Tools for Domestic Violence Intervention](#). Discussion with actionable leadership strategies that highlight both empathy and structure in emergency care for domestic violence patients.

10 AM - SESSION 3 - HON KAREN GOPEE AND HON DEBORAH STEVENS MODICA

[Inside the System: Supreme court insights on domestic violence law, evidence, and enforcement](#). In this session the audience will hear the judicial perspective on domestic violence intervention, both the formal authority of the court and practical wisdom from lived experiences.

11 AM - SESSION 4 - JESSICA MELTON, ESQ. BUREAU CHIEF, HUMAN TRAFFICKING AT QUEENS DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

[When Patients Can't Speak: Uncovering Human Trafficking in Emergency Care](#). Studies confirm that a majority of trafficking victims access health care, often in the emergency department, yet many remain unidentified due to a lack of clinician training and the victims' inability to safely disclose their circumstances, putting patient safety at immediate risk.

12 PM - SESSION 5 - CLOSING PANEL DISCUSSION ON COLLABORATING WITH OTHER EMERGENCY RESPONDERS: [When Systems Connect: Reimagining Domestic Violence Intervention](#). Discussion to help prompt reflection and provide practical tools to foster stronger in

1 PM [Q & A AND FINAL CLOSING SESSION](#) - CHRISTINA BLACKBURN, DHSc & XIAO CHI ZHANG, MD (TONY)