

Title	The Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) Screening Intervention
Organisation	Groote Schuur Hospital, Western Cape Province
Innovation	The IPV screening intervention at Groote Schuur Hospital integrates early IPV detection into routine healthcare processes. It addresses a critical gap in the healthcare system, where patients affected by IPV are often overlooked. By embedding a digital screening tool within daily hospital operations, the intervention ensures that IPV detection is proactive rather than reactive. The tool is easy to use, consisting of seven questions designed to identify IPV cases, with any affirmative response to the last four questions triggering a positive screening. The solution also includes a well-structured referral system, linking patients to external GBV services for legal, counselling, and protection support. The digital solution allows for real-time data collection and analysis to track IPV trends and improve service delivery. There are dedicated Groote Schuur Hospital Trust staff who administer screenings, ensuring no additional burden on Groote Schuur Hospital staff. The project has also integrated educational material throughout the hospital to raise awareness about IPV among both patients and staff.
Impact	From July 2024 over 8,189 patients have been screened, with 815 individuals identified as experiencing IPV. Of these, 29% accepted immediate onsite counselling and 49 were referred to external GBV service providers. The project has reduced the stigma of IPV and encouraged affected patients to seek help. The project has also identified systemic needs, such as the inclusion of male and transgender patients in screening processes.