

We would like to draw people's attention to an omission from the recent publication by Marina Morrow and Colleen Varcoe entitled, *Violence Against Women: Improving the Health Care Response : A guide for health authorities, health care managers, providers and planners*. In the guide the pioneering work of the Vancouver General Hospital (VGH) Domestic Violence Program, Providence Health Care Emergency Departments at St. Paul's and Mount St. Joseph's Hospitals was not highlighted in the resource section. Although we purposely did not include other services that are primarily direct service resources, these programs arguably offer a wealth of experience that is unavailable elsewhere provincially. We regret this omission and would like to provide the full resource information here.

The VGH program was funded by Health Canada to be a prototype nationally. They have produced a video and manual, which have been distributed nationally and internationally. They have also contributed to the development of hospital programs in Victoria, Burnaby, Vernon, Nanaimo, and most recently, Langley. They are frequently contacted for resource information and have responded to hundreds of requests by distributing their manual, video and articles, as well as by providing consultations. As well, the VGH program coordinates the Domestic Violence educational sessions included in the medical school course Doctor, Patient and Society, mandatory for all second year UBC medical and dental students. Their contact information is as follows:

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