LIVING IN A STATE OF FEAR
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Domestic Violence is a worldwide problem that has recently come into the spotlight. Millions of women suffer from Intimate Partner Violence which may manifest in many different forms. The World Health Organisation and many Health authorities the world over have commissioned action groups and placed safeguards to identify women at risk. Evidence is largely lacking from certain parts of the world due to cultural, religious and legal limitations. Implications for the Obstetrical patient include miscarriage, unplanned pregnancies, physical and emotional trauma and economic dependence, to mention a few. This presentation aims to raise awareness amongst health care providers about the magnitude of the problem and stimulate discussion on how women at risk may be identified and protected.