Health professionals are uniquely positioned to address the impact that violence and abuse have on the health and well-being of patients and clients. In healthcare settings, professionals have the opportunity to prevent, identify, address, and treat the adverse effects of violence and abuse. Addressing violence improves the health and well-being of patients and enriches therapeutic relationships.

Education on the health effects of violence and abuse must be incorporated into the training of all health professionals to ensure that our health community is well equipped to assist those whose health is affected by violence and abuse.

**EDUCATING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS ABOUT THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF VIOLENCE & ABUSE**

The AVA is a global interprofessional academy focused on the health effects of violence and abuse across the lifespan.

**MISSION**

To advance health education and research on the recognition, treatment, and prevention of the health effects of violence and abuse across the lifespan.

**VISION**

The recognition, treatment, and prevention of the health effects of violence and abuse are fully integrated into healthcare and society so that people of all ages are safe and healthy.
OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEMBERS TO LEARN, PARTICIPATE, AND CONTRIBUTE

• Affinity Groups
• Core Competencies Links
• Expert Updates
• Global Networking
• Research Reviews
• Scholars Program
• Video and PPT archives

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Membership supports AVA's activities, website, and public education resources.

INCREASE PUBLIC AND POLICY AWARENESS

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