Compilation of Twitter thread by Amy Coopes, reporting presentation by Dr Richelle Douglas at #RANZCOG19, on 14 October, 2019. This 5-page document was prepared for the Croakey Conference News Service.

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Next speaker is Richelle Douglas, director of Family Planning WA. Speaking on IPV and reproductive coercion, and whether there is a relationship with adverse pregnancy outcomes #RANZCOG19

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Douglas says there are firsts she will always remember - her first delivery, her first death in utero, first death of a neonate, and first time a woman told me she was afraid of her partner #RANZCOG19

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Reproductive coercion is a form of violence against women, says Douglas. The statistics are stark #RANZCOG19
WHY?

• 1 in 3 women experienced physical violence since age 15
• 1 in 5 women sexual violence
• ATSI women 32 x more likely
• Victoria: IPV 7.9 % disease burden
• Australia: 2 women murdered per week by an intimate partner

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Pregnancy itself is a risk factor and can be a tigger for IPV to begin, says Dougals. Causes more illness, disability and death than anything else for people identifying as female aged 25-44 #RANZCOG19

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Given this, Douglas says O&Gs need to be screening all their patients for IPV. Now taking us through her study. Important to have a secure area where clients feel safe to fill out the paperwork #RANZCOG19

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' Astounding' findings showed IPV affects everyone #RANZCOG19
Preliminary results

- 647 clients met inclusion criteria, 68% (440) consented to study
- NO major differences between all participants and those screening positive with respect to age, socioeconomic status or sexuality

1 in 6 Participants have been exposed to IPV and/or RC
1 in 7 Participants have been exposed to IPV alone
1 in 16 Participants have been exposed to RC alone
Those having acknowledged they were exposed

Of the 75 women who had experienced IPV/RC:

- 16% Stated that this violence was happening in the current relationship
- 17% Accepted same-day appointments with a counsellor
- 1.3% Were worried for the safety of children

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People experiencing IPV 1.5x more likely to have an adverse sexual health outcomes and 2.5x more likely to have a current unwanted pregnancy

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Feedback from Patients

- “No one has ever asked me if I felt safe before”
- “Thank you just for telling me what happened to me was wrong”
- “Thank you for supporting me”

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Headline findings: IPV & reproductive coercion are common, present a significant burden of disease & strong link with negative sexual health outcomes. Screening can and should be considered in other primary care settings, says Douglas #RANZCOG19