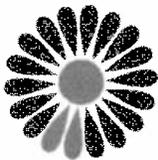


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When I asked Florence J. Chinn MD, "retired" internist, medical consultant for the State of Hawaii Department of Social Services and Housing from 1979 to 1987, and very active co-chair of the Hawaii Medical Association's Committee on Domestic Violence to serve as Guest Editor for this Special Issue, she hesitated for a day before accepting. She did not give the usual "but I'm so busy" (and she is!) replies, but she said:

"People may sympathize, but they can never fully understand the fears the victims experience. People may have fears when they learn of the horrors, but they can never feel the depth of the pain sustained by the victims. People may see the smiles and never realize the emotional scars hidden from view."

Thanks to Florence and her stellar panel of contributing authors, this Special Issue of the Journal will help us to better understand and help those who suffer the physical and psychological pain of Domestic Violence.



# Mahalo Nui Loa

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Optimum care for victims of domestic violence can only be achieved when physicians have an understanding of the fundamental dynamics of the problem, a working knowledge of the available community resources and the recognition of such victims so that early intervention and referrals may be made to the support and advocacy groups for assistance.

The manuscripts selected for this issue present the various challenges of domestic violence faced by physicians. They include a frank accounting by an emergency department physician of his interest in this problem and how encounters over the years changed his attitude. One of Hawaii's leading medical authority on the subject of domestic violence has written on some of the reasons why some physicians have not taken a more active role as advocates for victims who are their patients. While the physical traumas are successfully treated, oftentimes, the psychological effects are ignored or go unrecognized. A child and adolescent psychiatrist and medical school professor's paper addresses the effects on children growing up with violence. Another paper reports on the research

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