

TABLE 3

ABUSED PARTICIPANTS' PERCEIVED BARRIERS TO COMMUNICATION ABOUT INTIMATE PARTNER ABUSE

Barrier to Communication	Agreement with This Statement Among Women Who Have:		P
	Never Communicated About Abuse N=216 (%)	Ever Communicated About Abuse N=159 (%)	
Perception that clinicians do not ask directly*	147 (68)	80 (50)	<.001
Concerns about confidentiality*	80 (37)	34 (21)	<.001
Perception that clinicians are not interested*	83 (38)	40 (25)	.001
Perception that clinicians have no time*	115 (53)	63 (40)	.002
Fear of involving the police and courts*	92 (43)	54 (34)	.041
Embarrassment	80 (37)	47 (30)	.074
Fear of shaming family	63 (29)	37 (23)	.125
Fear that partner would hurt or kill her	51 (24)	41 (26)	.734

NOTE: As reported by study participants in San Francisco, 1997.

*Indicates statistically significant association between perceived barrier and communication status ($P < .05$).