Gun Violence: A Public Health Crisis with Solutions

• More than 30,000 people died from gunshots in 2010.  
  11,000 homicides, >19,000 suicides  
  Centers for Disease Control, 2010

• Accidental gun-related death and injury rates are highest among  
  15-to-24 year-olds.  
  Albright T, Burge S, Journal of the Am. Board of Family Practice, Jan-Feb 2003

• The risk of suicide is higher in homes where guns are kept.  
  Kellerman A, New England Journal of Medicine, 1992

• Risk of homicide by an intimate acquaintance or family member is  
  higher in homes with guns.  
  Kellerman A, New England Journal of Medicine, 1993

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**Risk Assessment Screening Tool**

- G: Is there a Gun in your home?
- U: Are you around Users of alcohol or other drugs?
- N: Do you feel a Need to protect yourself?
- S: Do any of these Situations apply to you?
  - Have you seen or been involved in acts of violence?
  - Have you experienced sadness, depression, or mental illness?
  - Do you have school-age children in your home?

The answers to these questions can frame a broader discussion about short term and long term risks in the home.

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**Advice That Could Save Lives**

“Having a loaded or unlocked gun in your house increases the risk of injury or death to family members, whether by accident or on purpose.”

If guns are in your home, I urge you to store them:
- unloaded and locked in a drawer or cabinet
- separately from ammunition
- out of the reach of children

[Albright T, Burge S, JABFP, Jan-Feb 2003]

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**Brief counsel from physicians can favorably influence patient behavior.**

*64% of patients counseled made safe changes in gun storage.*