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## Sights and Sounds of Domestic Violence

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As our society becomes more desensitized to violence through exposure to video games, news programs, and even on the streets of our cities we can easily overlook the evidence of this violence in our patients. Even emergency departments and family practice/primary care physicians often do not examine closely the most frequent site of domestic violence, the face and head, while fractures and hemorrhages in the trunk and extremities receive attention. Physicians who diagnose and treat the orbital contents and the adnexiae must be careful not to repeat their mistakes, as we may be the victim's only hope for rescue. We would not ignore signs of diabetic retinopathy, too often we do not examine our patients for signs of domestic violence. To ignore either one can be deadly for our patients. For this reason, some of the signs all of us see in our clinical settings and related issues will be discussed in this lecture.

### Biography

Clifford D Brown currently serves in the Central Alabama Veterans Health Care System as Chief of the Eye Clinics and work closely with both the Neurology and TBI Team Leads to provide in depth diagnostic and rehabilitative care for veteran service members. Previously, his active duty assignments have included the Department of Homeland Security (Senior Health Adviser and Senior Analyst/Operations Chief, National Biosurveillance Integration Center), the US Public Health Service (multiple Indian Health Service Hospitals as Chief of Eye Service), the US Army Deputy Chief of Eye Services and Behavioral Vision Chief for the Exceptional Family Member Department (97th General Hospital, Frankfurt, Germany), in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada as a Rehabilitative Consultant for five school districts in Alberta, and Manitoba (private practice), and the US Air Force Security Services Command as the Chief of Eye Care. After completion of undergraduate and professional degrees at Pacific University, Oregon in 1973, he completed Fellowship (1986) and Diplomate (2000) studies and a Master of Public Health in 2008. In 2006 the Association of Military Surgeons of the United States awarded him the 2006 David Sullins National Service Award. He served the past eight years as a Reviewer of professional articles for the Journal of Military Medicine and as Examination Board Member for American Academy Diplomate Public Health/Environmental Vision for ten years. He introduced TBI as diagnosis in need of military care in 2004 to Scientific and Research Symposium, and as a source of domestic violence nationally in 2008.

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