

### What is the INTOVIAN Tool for?

*To initially identify families either at risk of/or with already established infant and toddler abuse and neglect problems, by looking for risk indicators of infant/toddler abuse and neglect, or of abusive relationship patterns in **any** caregiver-infant/toddler dyad.*

### What is the Target Population of the INTOVIAN Tool?

*Infants and toddlers aged from 0 to 3 years.*

### Who can use the INTOVIAN Tool?

*Health visitors, nurses, pediatricians, social workers, psychologists and child psychiatrists.*

### When and Where should the INTOVIAN Tool be Completed?

*During the first intake or routine infant/toddler examination.*



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# INTOVIAN Screening Tool



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or with already established,  
infant / toddler  
abuse and neglect problems**

## **Child Abuse and Neglect: Facts**

- ◆ *Child abuse and neglect is a major public health problem.*
- ◆ *Infants and toddlers are at the greatest risk for maltreatment and homicide compared to older children.*
- ◆ *Early identification of, and intervention for, child abuse and neglect, can prevent or reduce long-term adverse effects for the child-victim.*
- ◆ *Domestic violence against infant/toddler is rarely detected or prevented before hospitalization.*
- ◆ *Screening for child abuse and neglect has been reported as inadequate.*

## **INTOVIAN Project: Consortium**

*The INTOVIAN Tool and Guidelines are the product of collective work carried out in the context of the INTOVIAN project.*

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### **External Evaluation**

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## **INTOVIAN Tool**

- ◆ *Contains 5 items.*
- ◆ *Example of item:*  
Q1. *In the case of noticing a physical trauma/mark or being informed about an accident:*  
(a) *is the caregiver’s story consistent?*

## **INTOVIAN Guideline contains**

- ◆ *Explanation of the items.*
- ◆ *Scoring procedures.*
- ◆ *Recommendations on the next steps of the assessment process.*
- ◆ *List of risk and protective indicators for infant/toddler abuse and neglect.*
- ◆ *Relevant national laws and guidelines.*
- ◆ *List of organizations working with child abuse and neglect.*