

ELDER ASSESSMENT INSTRUMENT (EAI)

Purpose: To be used as a comprehensive approach for screening suspected elder abuse victims in all clinical settings.

Instructions: There is no “score” for this instrument. A patient should be referred to social services if the following exists: 1) if there is any positive evidence without sufficient clinical explanation, 2) whenever there is a subjective complaint by the older adult of elder mistreatment, or 3) whenever the clinician deems there is evidence of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or abandonment.

1. General Assessment	Very Good	Good	Poor	Very Poor	Unable to Assess
a. Clothing					
b. Hygiene					
c. Nutrition					
d. Skin integrity					
Additional Comments:					
2. Possible Abuse Indicators	No Evidence	Possible Evidence	Probable Evidence	Definite Evidence	Unable to Assess
a. Bruising					
b. Lacerations					
c. Fractures					
d. Various stages of healing of any bruises or fractures					
e. Evidence of sexual abuse					
f. Statement by older adult related to abuse					
Additional Comments:					
3. Possible Neglect Indicators	No Evidence	Possible Evidence	Probable Evidence	Definite Evidence	Unable to Assess
a. Contractures					
b. Decubiti					
c. Dehydration					
d. Diarrhea					
e. Depression					
f. Impaction					
g. Malnutrition					
h. Urine Burns					
i. Poor hygiene					
j. Failure to respond to warning of obvious disease					
k. Inappropriate medications (over/under)					
l. Repetitive hospital admissions due to probable failure of health care surveillance					
m. Statement by older adult related to neglect					
Additional Comments:					

4. Possible Exploitation Indicators	No Evidence	Possible Evidence	Probable Evidence	Definite Evidence	Unable to Assess
a. Misuse of money					
b. Evidence					
c. Reports of demands for goods in exchange for services					
d. Inability to account for money/property					
e. Statement by older adult related to exploitation					
Additional Comments:					
5. Possible Abandonment Indicators	No Evidence	Possible Evidence	Probable Evidence	Definite Evidence	Unable to Assess
a. Evidence that a caretaker has withdrawn care precipitously without alternate arrangements					
b. Evidence that older adult is left alone in an unsafe environment for extended periods of time without adequate support					
c. Statement by older adult related to abandonment					
Additional Comments:					
Summary	No Evidence	Possible Evidence	Probable Evidence	Definite Evidence	Unable To Assess
Evidence of Abuse					
Evidence of Neglect					
Evidence of Exploitation					
Evidence of Abandonment					
Additional Comments:					

Comments: _____

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