



Abuse & Neglect of Older Adults

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Elder Abuse Prevalence in Community Settings: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2214109X17300062?via%3Dihub>

The authors aimed to quantify and understand prevalence variation at the global and regional levels through a systematic review and meta-analysis. (OPEN ACCESS)

Elder Abuse: Global Situation, Risk Factors, and Prevention Strategies

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5291158/>

This scoping review investigated key issues in the field from an international perspective. The findings highlight a growing consensus across studies regarding the extent and causes of elder mistreatment as well as the urgent need for efforts to make elder abuse prevention programs more effective and evidence-based. (OPEN ACCESS)

The Prevalence of Resident-to-Resident Elder Mistreatment in Nursing Homes

<http://fmda.org/2016/resident%20to%20resident%20elder%20abuse%20acp.pdf>

The objective of this observational prevalence study was to estimate the prevalence of physical, verbal, and sexual resident-to-resident elder mistreatment. (OPEN ACCESS)

Understanding the Medical Markers of Elder Abuse and Neglect: Physical Examination Findings <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S074906901400072X?via%3Dihub>

This article discusses how physical examination is a foundation for detecting many forms of abuse. (OPEN ACCESS)

Elder Neglect <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0749069014000767?via%3Dihub>

The authors discuss the prevalence of this form of elder abuse as well as how clinicians can identify patients at risk and how to respond quickly and appropriately. (OPEN ACCESS)

Evaluating Abuse in the Patient with Dementia

[https://www.geriatric.theclinics.com/article/S0749-0690\(14\)00080-9/pdf](https://www.geriatric.theclinics.com/article/S0749-0690(14)00080-9/pdf)

This article discusses the increased risk of abuse in patients with dementia and ways to recognize types of abuse to intervene and end the abuse. (OPEN ACCESS)

A Practical Guide to Elder Abuse and Neglect Law in Canada

https://www.bcli.org/sites/default/files/Practical_Guide_English_Rev_JULY_2011.pdf

This guide was produced for a diverse audience of volunteers and professionals with varied education levels. It was designed to apply to abuse and neglect occurring anywhere in Canada. (OPEN ACCESS)

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Elder Abuse - Publications http://www.ancelaw.ca/elder_abuse_-_publications.php

This Advocacy Centre for the Elderly webpage includes links to a variety of valuable resources. (OPEN ACCESS)

Aboriginal Elder Abuse in Canada http://www.ahf.ca/downloads/ahfresearchelderabuse_eng.pdf

This paper discusses a study examining the issue of elder abuse in the Aboriginal population in Canada. (OPEN ACCESS)

Brief Abuse Screen for the Elderly http://www.nicenef.ca/files/U_of_T_Nice_180318_BASE_Tool_Sep11.pdf

This screening tool was developed by the National Institute for the Care of the Elderly to help professionals to determine the likelihood of abuse. (OPEN ACCESS)

Elder Abuse Suspicion Index http://www.nicenef.ca/files/U_of_T_Nice_175084_EASI_Revised_5_Panel.PDF

This assessment tool includes both French and English and was designed to raise a doctor's suspicion about elder abuse to a level at which it might be reasonable to propose a referral for further evaluation by social services and other professionals. (OPEN ACCESS)

Elder Abuse: Assessment and Intervention Reference Guide

<http://www.nicenef.ca/files/ELDER2.PDF>

This guide includes interview techniques and questions to detect abuse, as well as related management strategies. (OPEN ACCESS)

Elder Abuse in Canada: A Gender-Based Analysis - Summary

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/health-promotion/aging-seniors/publications/publications-professionals/elder-abuse-canada-a-gender-based-analysis-summary.html>

This report provides a gender-based analysis (GBA) of elder abuse in Canada. It provides information for creating bias-free, gender- and culturally-relevant research, policies and practices in elder abuse. It also describes the relevance and application of the findings to public health research, policies, programs and practices. (OPEN ACCESS)

Interventions for Preventing Abuse of Older People

https://www.cochrane.org/CD010321/PUBHLTH_interventions-preventing-abuse-older-people

This Cochrane review aimed to identify if specific programs or strategies are useful to prevent or reduce abuse in older people (60 years and over). The authors investigated studies that described the effect of these programs or strategies whether aimed at older people themselves or people (such as caregivers or nursing home staff) who they interact with. (OPEN ACCESS)

Know Your Rights: Protecting the Human Rights of Seniors

<http://www.elderabuseontario.com/what-is-elder-abuse/know-your-rights/>

This webpage describes the United Nations Principles for Older Persons, the Ontario's Human Rights Code and the Canadian Victims Bill of Rights. (OPEN ACCESS)

Not to be Forgotten: Care of Vulnerable Canadians

https://www.mcgill.ca/palliativecare/files/palliativecare/parliamentary_report_eng_dec_2011.pdf

This publication by the Parliamentary Committee on Palliative and Compassionate Care advocates for the implementation of a number of recommendations related to palliative and end-of-life care, suicide prevention and elder abuse. (OPEN ACCESS)