

Elder Abuse and Neglect

Learning Objectives:

Recognize the Spectrum and Patterns of Elder Abuse

- Define elder abuse and neglect, including physical, sexual, emotional, psychological, and financial abuse.
- Identify injury patterns and psychosocial signs that may suggest abuse or neglect.

Screen and Assess for Abuse in the ED

- Demonstrate the ability to sensitively screen older patients for suspected abuse using an appropriate framework.
- Correlate clinical findings with potential mechanisms of abuse or neglect, especially in patients with repeated or unexplained injuries.

Manage and Report Suspected Cases Appropriately

- Understand institutional and provincial protocols for managing suspected elder abuse or neglect.
- Prioritize safety, autonomy, and dignity while ensuring appropriate documentation and follow-up.