

A Clinically Oriented Practical Approach to Elder Abuse and Neglect

Elder abuse and neglect is a serious public health problem. It is estimated that 1 in 10 older adults experiences abuse or neglect each year. This can have a devastating impact on the health and well-being of older adults.



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Abuse and neglect can take many forms, including physical, emotional, sexual, financial, and neglect. It can be perpetrated by family members, caregivers, or strangers.

Risk Factors for Elder Abuse and Neglect

There are a number of risk factors that can increase the likelihood of elder abuse and neglect. These include:

* Advanced age * Physical or cognitive impairment * Isolation *
Dependence on others * Financial problems

Assessment of Elder Abuse and Neglect

It is important to be able to recognize the signs and symptoms of elder abuse and neglect. These can include:

* Physical injuries, such as bruises, cuts, or burns * Emotional distress, such as depression, anxiety, or fear * Sexual abuse, such as unwanted touching or sexual intercourse * Financial exploitation, such as unauthorized use of money or property * Neglect, such as failure to provide adequate food, clothing, or shelter

If you suspect that an older adult is being abused or neglected, it is important to take action. This may involve contacting the police, adult protective services, or a healthcare professional.

Intervention for Elder Abuse and Neglect

The goal of intervention for elder abuse and neglect is to stop the abuse or neglect and to provide support to the older adult. This may involve:

* Providing safety and protection * Providing medical care * Providing emotional support * Helping the older adult to access resources and services * Advocating for the older adult's rights

Prevention of Elder Abuse and Neglect

There are a number of things that can be done to prevent elder abuse and neglect. These include:

* Educating older adults about their rights and how to protect themselves from abuse * Providing support to caregivers * Creating community

programs that provide services to older adults * Advocating for policies that protect older adults

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