

Elder Assessment Instrument (EAI)

I General Assessment		Very Good	Good	Poor	Very Poor	Unable to Assess
1. Clothing						
2. Hygiene						
3. Nutrition						
4. Skin integrity						
5. Additional Comments:						
II Possible Abuse Indicators		No Evidence	Possible Evidence	Probable Evidence	Definite Evidence	Unable to Assess
6. Bruising						
7. Lacerations						
8. Fractures						
9. Various stages of healing of any bruises or fractures						
10. Evidence of sexual abuse						
11. Statement by elder re: abuse						
12. Additional Comments:						
III Possible Neglect Indicators		No Evidence	Possible Evidence	Probable Evidence	Definite Evidence	Unable to Assess
13. Contractures						
14. Decubiti						
15. Dehydration						
16. Diarrhea						
17. Depression						
18. Impaction						
19. Malnutrition						
20. Urine burns						
21. Poor hygiene						
22. Failure to respond to warning of obvious disease						
23. Inappropriate medications (under/over)						
24. Repetitive hospital admissions due to probable failure of health care surveillance						
25. Statement by elder re: neglect						
26. Additional Comments:						
IV Possible Exploitation Indicators		No Evidence	Possible Evidence	Probable Evidence	Definite Evidence	Unable to Assess
27. Misuse of money						
28. Evidence of financial exploitation						
29. Reports of demands for goods in exchange for services						
30. Inability to account for money/property						
31. Statement by elder re: exploitation						
32. Additional Comments:						

V Possible Abandonment Indicators		No Evidence	Possible Evidence	Probable Evidence	Definite Evidence	Unable to Assess
33. Evidence that a caretaker has withdrawn care precipitously without alternate arrangements						
34. Evidence that elder is left alone in an unsafe environment for extended periods of time without adequate support						
35. Statement by elder re: abandonment						
36. Additional Comments:						
VI Summary		No Evidence	Possible Evidence	Probable Evidence	Definite Evidence	Unable to Assess
37. Evidence of abuse						
38. Evidence of neglect						
39. Evidence of exploitation						
40. Evidence of abandonment						
41. Additional Comments:						

VII Comments and Follow-up

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