

BRIEF ABUSE SCREEN FOR THE ELDERLY (BASE)

Purpose: To help practitioners assess the likelihood of abuse.

Instructions: Please respond to every question (as well as you can estimate) concerning all clients ____ years or over who are caregivers (give regular help of any kind) or care receivers:

1. Is the client an older person who has a caregiver? ____ Yes ____ No

2. Is the client a caregiver of an older person? ____ Yes ____ No

3. Do you suspect abuse?
(see also #4 and #5)

i) By a caregiver (comments) _____

1	2	3	4	5
no, not at all	only slightly, doubtful	possibly, somewhat	probably quite likely	yes, definitely

ii) By a care receiver or other (comments) _____

1	2	3	4	5
no, not at all	only slightly, doubtful	possibly, somewhat	probably quite likely	yes, definitely

4. If any answer for #3 except “no, not at all,” indicate what kind(s) of abuse(s) is (are) suspected.

i) physical ____ ii) psychosocial ____ iii) financial ____
iv) neglect ____ (includes passive and active)

5. If abuse is suspected, about how soon do you estimate that intervention is needed?

1	2	3	4	5
immediately	within 24 hrs	24-72 hrs	1 week	2 or more weeks