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 only slightly, possibly, probably yes, at all doubtful somewhat quite likely definitely
   ii) By a care receiver or other (comments) ________________________________
      1          2        3         4     5
      no, not only slightly, possibly, probably yes, at all doubtful somewhat quite likely 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 24-72 hrs 1 week 2 or more
   24 hrs weeks