

SCREEN FOR VARIOUS TYPES OF ABUSE OR NEGLECT

Purpose: General questions should be asked of an older person to screen for the various types of abuse or neglect.

Instructions: Patient is asked direct questions by a health care professional. The screen is a component of a suggested protocol for the detection and assessment of elder mistreatment. Any questions answered affirmatively should be followed up to determine how and when the mistreatment occurs, who perpetrates it, and how the patient feels about it and copes with it.

1. Has anyone at home ever hurt you?
2. Has anyone ever touched you without your consent?
3. Has anyone ever made you do things you didn't want to do?
4. Has anyone taken anything that was yours without asking?
5. Has anyone ever scolded or threatened you?
6. Have you ever signed any documents that you didn't understand?
7. Are you afraid of anyone at home?
8. Are you alone a lot?
9. Has anyone ever failed to help you take care of yourself when you needed help?

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