



Elder Abuse Prevention and Response:

*The Key Role of Medical Professionals in
Identifying, Reporting, & Responding to Elder Abuse*

Nearly 5 million older adults experience elder abuse every year in the United States. Research shows that elder abuse victimization increases the rates of re-hospitalization, utilization of emergency services, and pre-mature death. Unfortunately, this issue remains mostly hidden. Only one in 24 cases of elder abuse are reported. Medical professionals have a vital and unique role in the response to elder abuse.

This interactive training will focus on the complex dynamics of elder abuse, including the types of abuse and how elder abuse differs from abuse in younger populations. The goal will be to increase awareness of elder abuse warning signs and screening tools, especially during this time of Covid-19 when abuse is on the rise and health care professionals are more reliant on telehealth to screen for abuse and neglect. Beyond identification, participants will learn about the barriers to disclosure and their own role as mandatory reporters. The training will also provide an overview of the ElderSAFE Center, a comprehensive healthcare-based elder abuse shelter located at Charles E. Smith Life Communities in Rockville, MD.

Educational Objectives

At the conclusion of this training, participants should be able to demonstrate the ability to:

- Integrate a knowledge of elder abuse into practice to screen and respond effectively
- Fully understand the role and responsibilities of medical professionals as mandatory reporters
- Appropriately refer patients to community resources, including the ElderSAFE Center

Target Audience

This webinar training is intended for all hospital personnel (medical, clinical, social workers, discharge planners and administrative staff) involved in the care of older adult patients.

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