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Podcast Topic: Elder Abuse

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Questions addressed in this Podcast:

1. Definition of elder abuse.
2. Why is elder abuse an important health issue?
3. How is elder 'physical abuse' defined?
4. How prevalent is elder physical abuse in the U.S.?
5. What makes older adults vulnerable to physical abuse?
6. What are some common signs of physical abuse and can these signs come from someone other than the elder?
7. Who are the typical perpetrators of elder physical abuse?
8. If one suspects abuse, how is it reported?
9. Once the abuse is reported, what happens then?
10. What is currently being done in this field that will reduce the incidence of elder abuse in the future?

Resources

Elder Abuse Forensic Center

<http://www.elderabuseforensiccenter.com>

Center of Excellence in Elder Abuse and Neglect

<http://www.centeronelderabuse.org>

National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA):

<http://www.elderabusecenter.org/>

National Committee For The Prevention Of Elder Abuse (NCPEA):

<http://www.preventelderabuse.org/>

National Elder Abuse Incidence Study; Final Report:

http://www.aoa.dhhs.gov/eldfam/Elder_Rights/Elder_Abuse/ABuseReport_Full.pdf

Diagnostic and Treatment Guidelines on Elder Abuse and Neglect:

<http://www.ama-assn.org/ama1/pub/upload/mm/386/elderabuse.pdf>

Elder Abuse and Neglect: In Search of Solutions:

<http://www.apa.org/pi/aging/eldabuse.html>