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Identifying Signs of Elder Abuse or Neglect

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Elder Justice Initiative

- The **mission** is to support and help to coordinate the Department of Justice's enforcement and programmatic efforts to combat elder abuse, neglect, and financial fraud and scams that target older adults.
- The Initiative does so by—
 - Promoting justice for older adults.
 - Helping older victims and their families.
 - Enhancing state and local efforts through training and resources.
 - Supporting research to improve elder abuse policy and practice.

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Q&A

Detection, Risk Factors, and Screening

- What are the common signs of potential elder abuse?
- What do you look for in terms of emotional abuse?
- How can you tell if someone is being abused if they have severe dementia?

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Q&A

Bruising

- How can we detect a bruise that was caused by elder abuse versus one that may have happened by accident?
- To the extent a bruise did result from elder abuse, can you tell when the abuse occurred? If not, what can you tell from a bruise?

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Q&A

Interventions

- Have there been any studies demonstrating potentially successful elder abuse interventions? If so, can you please discuss them?

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Q&A

The Aging Brain/Capacity

- What do we currently know about the aging brain?
- What is dementia?
- How does dementia relate to or differ from Alzheimer's disease?
- How can one tell if they have dementia?

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Q&A

The Aging Brain/Capacity

- How can you tell if someone's dementia or diminished capacity has affected their ability to make financial decisions?
- Who do you think is qualified, from a clinical perspective, to determine that someone has a diminished ability to make decisions about their finances?

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Q&A

Nursing Homes

- What types of abuse have you seen in the nursing home setting?
- There has been a lot of attention on the use of atypical antipsychotics in nursing homes. What are atypical antipsychotics? Are they appropriate for use in the nursing home setting? When are they *not* appropriate for use on a nursing home resident?

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