

The National Study of Elder Abuse and Neglect

Implications and New Directions

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Recent Headlines

Elder abuse on rise
Economy adds to family stresses; Budget cuts limit options for care

Man gets 28 months in elder abuse case
Former nurse's aide pleads guilty to abuse

Long Beach Insurance Agent Charged with Grand Theft, Elder Abuse
Elder neglect trial begins with images of 'filth'



Strengths of the Ireland Study

- National focus
- Size
- Excellent response rate
- Extensive interview

The Extent of Elder Abuse

- A prevalent problem
- Likely to be encountered routinely in clinical practice

What Causes Elder Mistreatment?

- What places someone at risk of being *an elder abuse victim*?
- What places someone at risk of being *an elder abuser*?

A Risk Profile

- Shared living arrangement
- Social isolation
- Substance abuse and other problems in perpetrators
- Health issues of the elder

Implications for Intervention

- Studies need of abuse in care facilities
- “Early warning systems” for financial exploitation
- Public awareness campaigns



Implications for Intervention

- Multi-component interventions
 - Better case coordination

Manhattan Elder Abuse Case Coordination and Review Team

- Coordinates and review cases of elder abuse and neglect
- Involves multiple organizations to coordinate assessment and intervention
- Includes experts from social services, legal services, geriatrics, Adult Protective Services, and law enforcement

