

# Elder Abuse, Neglect and Family Violence: A Guide for Health Care Professionals

As a health care professional, you are not expected to “fix” or solve elder abuse, but you do have an opportunity to ask screening questions about family violence, listen to the patient and acknowledge her story, help break the patient's isolation, offer support, talk about safety and connect the patient with local resources. For some victims, a health care provider may be the only professional contact and opportunity they have to disclose fears and seek help to break the isolation often associated with abuse.

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