

Elder Abuse Prevention and Response

The Key Role of Medical Professionals in Identifying, Reporting, & Treating Elder Abuse

June 23, 2022 • 1:00 to 3:00 PM • FREE

Program Overview

Nearly 5 million people are affected by 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 training will discuss the complex dynamics of elder abuse, including the types of abuse and the difference in experiences compared to younger victims. The training will increase awareness of elder abuse warning signs and screening tools. Beyond identification, participants will learn about their own role as mandatory reporters and coordinating with Adult Protective Services. Finally, participants will get the chance to learn from two elder abuse case examples.

About the Faculty

Sydney Palinkas, Community Outreach and Education Manager, ElderSafe Center, Charles E. Smith Life Communities- the ElderSafe Center educates the community about best practices in elder abuse awareness and response. Elder abuse awareness education is provided to professionals, families, care givers, and older adults throughout MD, DC and Northern Virginia.

Greg Seseck, Director, Maryland Department of Human Services- Through a home and community-based service delivery system, the Office of Adult Services (OAS) works to protect vulnerable adults from abuse, neglect, and exploitation and unnecessary institutionalization, including older adults and adults living with disabilities.

Rae Leonard, Manager of Abuse/Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Programs, Luminis Health Anne Arundel Medical Center- The Anne Arundel Medical Center Abuse and Domestic Violence Program helps people who are living with intimate partner abuse. Staff are trained to provide the compassion, support, guidance and resources needed. A weekly trauma recovery support group is offered.

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Learning Objectives

At the end of this workshop, attendees will be able to:

- **Integrate a knowledge of elder abuse into their practice to screen and respond effectively**
- **Fully understand the role and responsibilities of medical professionals as Mandatory Reporters and the role of Adult Protective Services**
- **Appropriately refer patients to community resources, including the ElderSAFE Center**



Joint Accreditation Direct Accreditation Statement

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been jointly planned and implemented by Trinity Health and the Maryland Patient Safety Center. Trinity Health is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the health care team.



Designation of Credit

"This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 2.00 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credits for learning and change."

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