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Elder Abuse Suspicion Index® (EASI®)¹⁴⁸⁹

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Resource summary: The EASI® is a short questionnaire about abuse of older people. You should ask Questions 1 through 5 directly to the client. Questions apply to the last 12 months. You can answer Question 6 yourself. A “yes” response on one or more questions (other than on Question 1) is considered a positive screen. This tool is available and validated in English and French.

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| EASI® Questions Q.1-Q.5 asked of patient; Q.6 answered by doctor <i>(Within the last 12 months)</i> | | | |
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| 1) Have you relied on people for any of the following: bathing, dressing, shopping, banking, or meals? | YES | NO | Did not answer |
| 2) Has anyone prevented you from getting food, clothes, medication, glasses, hearing aids or medical care, or from being with people you wanted to be with? | YES | NO | Did not answer |
| 3) Have you been upset because someone talked to you in a way that made you feel shamed or threatened? | YES | NO | Did not answer |
| 4) Has anyone tried to force you to sign papers or to use your money against your will? | YES | NO | Did not answer |
| 5) Has anyone made you afraid, touched you in ways that you did not want, or hurt you physically? | YES | NO | Did not answer |
| 6) Doctor: Elder abuse <u>may</u> be associated with findings such as: poor eye contact, withdrawn nature, malnourishment, hygiene issues, cuts, bruises, inappropriate clothing, or medication compliance issues. Did you notice any of these today or in the last 12 months? | YES | NO | Not sure |

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