Title - Elder Abuse Computerized Decision Support System

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Summary of Research

Nationally, elder mistreatment and financial exploitation continue to be under-reported, resulting in inaccurate prevalence and incidence statistics, and increased suffering of older adults. Important systemic factors contributing to this problem include the lack of valid, standardized assessment procedures, and state-specific definitions of various types of abuse, neglect, and exploitation. This presentation describes the development of EADSS, an Elder Abuse Decision Support System, that uses standardized measures and short screening forms to assess elder mistreatment and exploitation, and presents expected system outcomes such as increased convenience and efficiency and improved quality of assessments.

Practice and Policy Implications

Advances in assessment methodology and computer technology offer promising solutions to improve the identification and tracking of elder mistreatment and exploitation, as well as to reduce some barriers related to the responsive assessment and delivery of services to victims.

For Further Reading


