

Screening Tools for Elder Abuse

Areas covered by tool: PHYS = physical abuse; PSY = psychological/emotional/verbal abuse; NEG = neglect; SEX = sexual abuse; FIN = financial exploitation						
TOOL	PHYS	PSY	NEG	SEX	FIN	DESCRIPTION
BASER	Phys	Psy	Neg		Fin	Brief Abuse Screening for The Elderly 5 questions, gauges suspicion of physical, psychosocial, and financial abuse or neglect, and need for / urgency of follow up.
CRS	Phys	Psy	Neg			Caregiver Risk Screen 12 items rate caregiver risk (Likert scale). A score greater than 23 indicates high risk and further assessment needed.
CAS	Phys	Psy	Neg		Fin	Caregiver Abuse Screen 8 yes/no non-blaming questions to screen caregivers of cognitively impaired older adults for current/possible abuse.
CCPEABS		Psy				Caregivers Psychological Elder Abuse Behaviour Scale 20 items, 10 minutes, info from caregiver to screen for risk of psychological abuse.
EAI	Phys	Psy	Neg	Sex	Fin	Elder Assessment Instrument To be used in clinical settings to identify individuals at high risk in need of further in-depth assessment.
EASI	Phys	Psy	Neg	Sex	Fin	Elder Abuse Suspicion Index 6 items, 2 minutes, helps doctors decide whether to refer for in-depth assessment.
IOA	Phys	Psy	Neg		Fin	Indicators of Abuse Inventory Done by trained professional in conjunction with comprehensive home assessment. 27-item and 22-item versions.
E-IOA	Phys	Psy	Neg		Fin	Expanded Indicators of Abuse Inventory Builds on IOA tool; 11 indicators of caregiver risk, 14 indicators of risk regarding the older adult.
H-S/EAST	Phys	Psy	Neg			Hwalek-Sengstock Elder Abuse Screening Test 6-item self-report tool. Identifies potentially abusive or neglectful situations.
VASS	Phys	Psy	Neg		Fin	Vulnerability to Abuse Screening Scale A 12- item, self-report measure. Adapted from the H-S/EAST.
OAFEM					Fin	Older Adult Financial Exploitation Measure 82 yes/no items. Self-report measure screens for financial exploitation of older adults.
OAPAM		Psy				Older Adult Psychological Abuse Measure 31-item, self-report screen for psychological abuse.
MCTS		Psy				Modified Conflict Tactics Scale Adapted from the Conflict Tactics Scale. Likert scale with weighted scoring system to rate caregiver's risk of causing emotional or physiological harm

Screening Tools for Financial Capacity

Tool by cognitive component measured:		Performance	Knowledge	Judgment
LFDRS, LFDSS	Lichtenberg Financial Decision Making Rating Scale and Lichtenberg Financial Decision Screening Scale (Lichtenberg 2015, 2017)	Y	Y	Y
CAFI	Clinician Assessment of Financial Incapability (Black et al., 2014)	Y		Y
FISCAL	Financial Incapability Structured Clinical Assessment done Longitudinally (Lazar et al., 2015)	Y		Y
MMM	Money Mismanagement Measure (Conrad et al., 2006)	Y		Y
THRIFT	Timeline Historical Review of Income and Financial Transactions (Black et al., 2013)	Y		Y
FCAI	Financial Capacity Assessment Instrument (Kershaw & Webber, 2008)		Y	Y
FCI	Financial Capacity Instrument (Marson et al, 2000, Griffith et al, 2003)		Y	Y
FCI-SF	Financial Capacity Instrument –Short Form (Gerstenecker et al., 2015)		Y	
ACED	Assessment of Capacity for Everyday Decision-making (Lai & Karlawish, 2007)		Y	Y
ILS	Independent Living Scales (Loeb, 1996)		Y	
KELS	Kohlman Evaluation of Living Skills (Thomson, 1992)	Y	Y	
USPA	UCSD Performance-based Skills Assessment (Patterson et al., 2001) and USPA Brief (Mausbach et al., 2010)	Y	Y	
EFB	Everyday Functioning Battery (Heaton et al., 2004)	Y	Y	

Other Screening / Assessment Tools for Older Adults

DELIRIUM SCREENING TOOLS	
MOTYB	Months of the Year Backwards
6-CIT	Six-Item Cognitive Impairment Test – aka Blessed: orientation, memory, concentration
4AT	Measures alertness, age/orientation, attention (MOTYB), and acute change
CAM	Confusion Assessment Method – longer interview
COGNITIVE ASSESSMENT TOOLS	
SLUMS	St Louis University Mental Status Examination – more sensitive vs old MMSE
RUDAS	Rowlands Universal Dementia Assessment Screen – lower literacy, non-native English
MOCA	Montreal Cognitive Assessment – more sensitive to MCI, in 35 languages
Trails	Trails A & B – correlates with driving risk
Frontal	Frontal Assessment Battery – looks at reasoning, flexibility, executive functioning
ACED	Assessment of Capacity for Everyday Decision-Making – interview framework
MOOD / ANXIETY	
GDS	Geriatric Depression Scale – 30 items, mood over past week, 15-item short version
GAI	Geriatric Anxiety Inventory – 20 items to assess anxiety severity, 6-item short version
FUNCTIONAL ABILITY / DEFICIT	
ADL	Activities of Daily Living scale – rates functional ability on activities of bathing, dressing, toileting, transfer/mobility, grooming, feeding
IADL	Instrumental Activities of Daily Living: shopping, meal prep, phone use, housekeeping, laundry, transportation, medication, finances
ILSS	Independent Living Skills Survey: measures successfully performed tasks in past month
FAST	Functional Assessment Staging Tool: rates level of disability in seven stages.
INFORMANT TOOLS: <i>Compare client's self-rated, clinician-rated, and caregiver-rated data for the most robust picture of the client's situation.</i>	
IQCODE	Informant Questionnaire on Cognitive Decline in Elderly – 26 items on everyday situations; short form has 16.
CORNELL	Cornell Scale for Depression in Dementia: 19 items, rates signs of depression when the person may not report feeling depressed.
ADRS	Aphasia Depression Rating Scale: 9 items, rates signs if person cannot speak.

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Additional resources:

National Center on Elder Abuse: <https://ncea.acl.gov>

Training Resources on Elder Abuse: <http://trea.usc.edu/>

The USC Center on Elder Mistreatment: www.eldermistreatment.usc.edu

Seattle / King County Elder Abuse Council: meets second Tuesdays 1130am-1pm at the DSHS Holgate office. For more information, contact King County Prosecutor Page Ulrey via email at page.ulrey@kingcounty.gov

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Recommended Workup List

The following tests and labs are suggested in order to rule out medical conditions that might be contributing to cognitive impairment and/or mood instability.

Physical exam, including thorough neurological exam

Vital signs and weight

Review of medications and drug levels

Urinalysis and culture

Blood and urine screens for alcohol and drugs

Electrolytes

Liver, renal function tests

Complete blood cell count (CBC with differential)

Thyroid function tests (full panel)

FTA, VDRL [syphilis] (if risk factors)

Serum Thiamine/B12, folate, and D levels

Glucose

Sedimentation rate

HIV tests

Serum marker for delirium: calcium-binding protein S-100 B

Electrocardiogram

CT or MRI scan of head

PET scan, if appropriate

Resources for additional information

Community Living Connections for Seattle & King County

206-962-8467 or toll free 1-844-348-5464 (KING)

<http://communitylivingconnections.org>

Community Living Connections for Snohomish County

425.513.1900 or toll free 1-800-422-2024

<http://www.sssc.org/>

Community Living Connections for Pierce County

253.798.4600 or toll free 1-800-562-0332

<http://www.pierceadrc.org/>

Alzheimer's Association

24/7 Helpline: 1.800.272.3900

<http://www.alz.org/alzwa/>

Information, education resources, and support groups for all types of dementia and memory loss.

24-hour Crisis Lines

King County Crisis Clinic: 206.461.3222, or toll free 1-800-244-5767

Snohomish VOA Care Crisis Line: 425-258-4357, or toll free 1-800-584-3578

Pierce County Optum Health Crisis Line: toll free 1-800-576-7764

State Suicide Prevention Life Line: toll free 1-800-273-8255



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