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ELDER ABUSE

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WHO ARE THE ABUSERS

- 60 % are family members
- Of that 60 %, 2/3 are adult children or spouses
- 1/2 of the population with dementia will be abused or suffer from neglect

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TYPES OF ABUSE

- PHYSICAL
- MENTAL / EMOTIONAL
- FINANCIAL
- SEXUAL
- CAREGIVER NEGLECT
- RIGHTS VIOLATIONS
 - Passive and Active neglect

MANDATED REPORTING

- YOU MAY BE THE ONLY HUMAN CONTACT YOUR PATIENT HAS BESIDES THEIR CAREGIVER OR FAMILY MEMBER
- THE NUMBER ONE SOURCE OF ELDER ABUSE ARE CARETAKERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS
- YOU ARE A MANDATORY REPORTER IN MICHIGAN

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MANDATORY REPORTING

WHAT DO YOU NEED TO KNOW?

- ✓ If you are licensed to provide health care in Michigan, you are a mandatory reporter.
- ✓ If you have a reasonable cause to believe that an adult has been abused, neglected, or exploited, you are legally obligated to report.
- ✓ Failure to report makes you civilly liable for damages and subject to a \$ 500 fine.

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PHYSICAL SIGNS OF ABUSE

- Keeping in mind I am not a medical professional
- Poor Hygiene /Dirty Clothing
- Oral Cavity-Cigarette burns, lesions
- Broken bones
- Pressure sores
- Stds
- Vaginal tearing and bleeding

Elders who are abused are at a 300% higher risk of death than Elders that are not abused

Dong, X., et al, 2009. Elder self-neglect and abuse and mortality risk in a community-dwelling population. *JAMA*, 302(5), 517-526.

