

What is EASI?

The EASI was developed* to raise a doctor's suspicion about elder abuse to a level at which it might be reasonable to propose a referral for further evaluation by social services, adult protective services, or equivalents. While all six questions should be asked, a response of "yes" on one or more of questions 2 to 6 may establish concern. The EASI was validated for use by family practitioners of cognitively intact seniors seen in ambulatory settings.

Q 1-5 ask of patient: Q 6 answered by doctor.

Within the last 12 months:

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 Doctor: Elder abuse may be associated with findings such as: poor eye contact, withdrawn nature, malnourishment, hygiene issues, cuts, bruises, inappropriate clothing, or medication compliance issues.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

Did not answer