

Title of Study: Examining the needs of health professionals for increasing disclosures of older adult maltreatment

Location: Ontario

Study Description:

The primary objective of this study is to investigate ways to advance how health professionals, including nursing/retirement home staff and medical professionals (e.g., nurses, physicians, and social workers), conceptualize, identify, assess, and report different forms of maltreatment in older adults.

What Will Happen During the Study?

For this study, participants will engage in discussions with the primary investigator, Dr. Joshua Wyman (C. Psych), over the HIPPA compliant video platform Doxy.me. These discussions will be organized into the following topics:

- 1) How often staff receive reports from/about older adults regarding different forms of maltreatment.
- 2) The training they have received for managing various forms of maltreatment in older adults.
- 3) The specific challenges with assessing, asking about, and reporting maltreatment in older adults.

Afterwards, participants will complete questionnaires that examine their professional experience working with older adults, their knowledge of risk factors of maltreatment, and their attitudes towards intervening in cases of maltreatment.

The overall study is expected to take 60 to 75-minutes to complete, and participants will be provided with compensation of a \$20.00 Amazon e-gift card. Overall, the results from this study can provide essential information on how these professionals can be better trained and equipped to protect and support older adults in cases of maltreatment.

Eligibility: Who Can Participate?

1. Nursing and retirement home staff (e.g., personal support workers and supervisors).
2. Medical professionals (e.g., nurses, physicians, and social workers).

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Recruitment End Date: July 1, 2022

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