



## Tool 1.11: Elder Abuse Suspicion Index (EASI)

The EASI was developed to raise a doctor’s awareness about elder abuse to a level at which it might be reasonable to propose a referral for further evaluation by social services or adult protective services (such as the NSW Civil & Administrative Tribunal or NSW Police). While all six questions should be asked, a response of “yes” on one or more of questions 2-6 may establish concern. The EASI was validated for use by family practitioners of cognitively intact seniors in ambulatory settings.<sup>13</sup>

The Elder Abuse Suspicion Index			
EASI Questions Q.1 – Q.5 asked of patient; Q.6 answered by doctor			
Within the last 12 months:			
Have you relied on people for any of the following: bathing, dressing, shopping, banking, or meals?	YES	NO	Did not answer
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
Have you been upset because someone talked to you in a way that made you feel shamed or threatened?	YES	NO	Did not answer
Has anyone tried to force you to sign papers or to use your money against your will?	YES	NO	Did not answer
Has anyone made you afraid, touched you in ways that you did not want, or hurt you physically?	YES	NO	Did not answer
Doctor: Elder abuse may be associated with findings such as: poor eye contact, withdrawn nature, malnourishment, hygiene issues, cuts, bruises, inappropriate clothing, or medication compliance issues.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	Not sure

For an online version of the EASI or additional resources about abuse and violence, review the following website: [www.racgp.org.au/your-practice/guidelines/white-book/tools-and-resources](http://www.racgp.org.au/your-practice/guidelines/white-book/tools-and-resources)

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