

SAVE THE DATE!**Elder Abuse and Its Prevention: A Workshop**

**The Keck Center of the National Academies
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Violence and related forms of abuse against elders is a global public health and human rights problem with far-reaching consequences, resulting in increased death, disability, and exploitation with collateral effects on well-being. Data suggest that at least 10 percent of elders in the United States are victims of elder maltreatment every year. In low- and middle-income countries, where the burden of violence is the greatest, the figure is likely even higher. In addition, elders experiencing risk factors such as diminishing cognitive function, caregiver dependence, and social isolation are more vulnerable to maltreatment and underreporting. As the world population of adults aged 65 and older continues to grow, the implications of elder maltreatment for health care, social welfare, justice, and financial systems are great. However, despite the magnitude of global elder maltreatment, it has been an underappreciated public health problem.

The IOM will host a 2-day public workshop on global elder abuse and its prevention. Using an ecological framework, this workshop will explore the burden of elder abuse around the world, focusing on its impacts on individuals, families, communities, and societies. Additionally, the workshop will address occurrences and co-occurrences of different types of abuse, including physical, sexual, emotional, and financial abuse, and neglect. Promising innovative approaches to elder abuse prevention will be illuminated, as well as lessons learned from evidence-based efforts to prevent other forms of violence that have the potential for transferability.

The workshop will be free and open to the public for in person and webcast attendance. More information, including the agenda and public registration, will be available at www.iom.edu/ElderAbusePrevention in the coming months. Sign up for the [listserv](#) to be notified as information becomes available.

This workshop is an activity of the IOM Forum on Global Violence Prevention. The Forum is a multisectoral group of stakeholders who are committed to reducing violence and promoting healthy development worldwide by encouraging multidisciplinary research that emphasizes the value of prevention. For more information about the Forum, visit www.iom.edu/globalviolenceforum or email globalviolenceprevention@nas.edu