Reframing Elder Abuse

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71-year-old found abused and neglected inside an outdoor garage with no heating during the winter. Female victim suffered from a broken hip, fractured arm, and severe lacerations to the head.

Man lost all his assets because he was too trusting.
Every 10 Seconds

4 women die each day

Every SECOND
Non-Communicable Diseases

63% of all deaths worldwide stem from NCDs
What’s the Connection?

NCDs

Elder Abuse
Chronic, non-communicable disease, also known as a "lifestyle" disease, no longer only affects affluent societies. NCD risks include economic and social conditions.

Every older American has the right to live free from the fear of abuse.
Prevalence

↑ Life Expectancy and Support Ratio

↓ RISK
## Prevalence

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28 Countries currently have life expectancy of 80+ for both sexes.

25 Countries have a life expectancy of less than 55 for both sexes.
From Definitions to Action

- Violent
  - Physical
  - Sexual
  - Psychological
  - Emotional

Power & Control

- Physically exploitive
- Emotionally exploits
- Targets vulnerabilities & neglects
- Denies access to spiritual traditions/events
- Uses privilege
- Isolates
- Uses family members
- Ridicules personal & cultural values
Too many cases: the dangerous stranger

- In March 2011, Delroy Grant, otherwise known as the ‘Night Stalker’ was sentenced to a minimum of 27 years in prison for a series of rape and sex assaults against elderly people in the UK.
- 'People say he was a charmer, a nice guy, a regular bloke’.
- 'He could be charm itself and turn into a monster in a second'.
Dementia and Social Justice
Money Connection

Financial Abuse

Banking Sector
Misuse of Powers

- Mortgages or reverse mortgages on seniors’ property to access equity in seniors’ homes
- Add senior as a guarantor or pledging senior’s assets as collateral for a third party credit application
- Sell senior’s home and pocket proceeds of sale
- Access seniors’ bank and/or investment accounts
- Change accounts from sole account to joint account account
- Change beneficiary designations on registered plans or insurance
- Accessing senior’s investment accounts and changing the risk profile to higher risk
Joint accounts are typically established to eliminate probate taxes or for convenience of family member looking after senior’s affairs.

Subject to abuse when joint holder uses the senior’s money for own benefit or purposes and not for the senior’s benefit.
Established for convenience of family member to look after senior's needs, however, instead, credit/debit cards/convenience cards are used to purchase goods and services for personal benefit of “fraudster” and not for benefit of senior client.
FORGERY
Signatures to obtain new lines of credit and loans or use existing credit cards
Intergeneration Approaches to Elder Abuse
Older people’s rights are not being adequately protected

- Failure to capture discriminatory practices
- Inconsistent attention to narrow range of rights
- Lack of clarity
- Gaps in protection
- Dispersal of standards
- Failure to prohibit age discrimination
The International Federation on Ageing is ..... 
- International network of experts 
- Source of information and knowledge 
- Educator to public and private sectors 
- Connector of stakeholder groups across disciplines and sectors 
- Capacity builder 
- Collaborator and partner 
- Voice at the United Nations, World Health Organization and agencies 

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