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Elder Abuse Suspicion Index © (EASI) and pilot results

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EASI –piloting 15-21 January and 4-17 June 2018 Malmi hospital's emergency and short-term units

Tools used:

- EASI –form
- Patient information form
 - Background information, reason for coming to emergency, community care contact, relationship to escorting person, use of alcohol
- Training of emergency and short-term care staff in autumn 2017 (12 October 2017) – EASI instrument was introduced
- Several medical expert team meetings for planning piloting in June (5 February, 12 March, 8 May and 22 May 2018)
- Training of emergency and short-term care staff 23 and 30 May 2018 (1 hour)
 - How to use EASI form, how to ask, referral of abuse or suspected abuse cases

Results

- In total 38 EASI forms were completed (in two pilotings) on competent patients over 75 years old
- 5 patients had experienced at least one form of violence: threats, physical and sexual violence
- 2 older women refused to answer
 - One of them was escorted by her adult son
 - Other one (81 years old) told about many kind of violence but she refused to talk about more and didn't want any help

Feedback from the staff (June 2018)

- The questionnaire was completed by 10 professionals from emergency
- Most of them were nurses
- 7 of them had received training on elder abuse; 3 of them never
- 9 of them had not used EASI –form but 7 of them had been involved in abuse cases (examination, referral)

Feedback from the staff (June 2018)

- "took a lot of time to ask and complete the form"
- "patients do not want to answer"
- "too thoroughgoing form"
- "it is very important to ask"
- "I had twice an opportunity to ask, but the patients didn't want to answer"