Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario – Nursing Best Practice Guidelines Program
Preventing and Addressing Abuse and Neglect of Older Adults:
Person-Centred, Collaborative, System-Wide Approaches
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Guideline Search Strategy

1. Structured Website Search
A member of the RNAO guideline development team (project coordinator) searched an established list of websites for guidelines.

Guidelines were selected based on the following criteria:
- Guideline was in English or French, national and international in scope
- Guideline was published after January 2002
- Guideline was strictly about the topic area: Elder Abuse
- Guideline was evidence-based (e.g., contained references, description of evidence, sources of evidence)
- Guidelines was developed for populations similar to Canada
- Guideline was intended as a clinical best practice guideline or best practice guideline
- Guideline was available and accessible for retrieval

Websites Searched:

AHRQ: Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
U.S. Preventive Service Task Force (USPSTF)
Institute of Health Economics, Alberta Canada
Alberta Medical Association Clinical Practice Guidelines
Bandolier Journal
British Columbia Council on Clinical Practice Guidelines
BC Office of Health Technology Assessment
Canadian Coordinating Office for Health Technology Assessment (CCOHTA)
Canadian Institute for Health Information
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CMA Infobase: Clinical Practice Guidelines
Clinical Evidence
CREST
Abstracts for Cochrane Reviews
Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effectiveness
EBOC: Evidence-based On-Call:
Guideline Advisory Committee
Guidelines International Network
Institute for Clinical Systems Improvement

Medic8.com
National Guideline Clearinghouse
NLM Health Services/Technology Assessment (NCBI)
National Institute for Clinical Evidence (NICE)
New Zealand Guidelines Group
NHS Centre for Reviews and Dissemination
NHS R & D Health Technology Assessment Programme
NIH [US National Institute of Health] Consensus Development Program
PEDro: The Physiotherapy Evidence Database
Sarah Cole Hirsh Institute (Online Journal of Issues in Nursing)
Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN)
TRIP Database
University of California, San Francisco
Centre for Evidence-Based Mental Health
Centre for Evidence-Based Pharmacotherapy
Joanna Briggs Institute for Evidence-Based Nursing & Midwifery (Australia)
Monash University Centre for Clinical Effectiveness
Nursing & Midwifery Practice Dev. Unit
Periodic Task Force on Preventive Health Care
The Qualitative Report
Royal College of General Practitioners
Royal College of Nursing
Royal College of Physicians London (RCPL)
SUMSearch
University of Laval Evidence-Based Practice Website Directory
Health-Evidence.ca
Virginia Henderson International Nursing Library
Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care
TOP (Alberta)
American Medical Association
British Medical Journal - Clinical Evidence
Centre for Health Evidence
Centre for Health Services and Policy Research
Government of British Columbia – Ministry of Health Services
Institute of Child Health
Medscape Women's Health
Netting the Evidence: A ScHARR Introduction to Evidence-Based Practice on the Internet
Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada Clinical Practice Guidelines
The Canadian Cochrane Network and Centre
Centre for Reviews and Dissemination, University of York, UK
Canadian Public Policy Collection
Google

2. Hand Search:

RNAO Expert Panel members were asked to review personal libraries to identify and submit potentially relevant guidelines. Guidelines submitted for consideration by panel members were integrated into the retrieved list of guidelines if they had not been identified by the on-line guideline search and met the inclusion criteria.

Systematic Review Search Strategy

Concurrent with the review of existing guidelines, a systematic review for recent literature relevant to the scope of the guideline was conducted by a health sciences librarian.

Databases Searched: Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health (CINAHL), Cochrane Controlled Trials (CT), Cochrane Systematic Reviews (SR), Database of Abstracts of Reviews of Effectiveness (DARE), Embase, Joanna Briggs Institute, MEDLINE, MEDLINE In progress, Ovid Healthstar, and PsychINFO.

Inclusion Criteria:

- Focus on the topic of Elder Abuse which includes:
    o Screening
    o Assessment
    o Intervention
- Published between January 2000 to April/May 2013
- Age range:
    o adults: >55 years old
- Published in English or French
- Published in a Peer Reviewed Journal
- Accessible for Retrieval
- Any health setting or sector
- Relevant to the scope of nursing
- All Study Types: Systematic reviews, RCTs, meta-analysis, higher quality qualitative and quantitative research studies.

Exclusion Criteria:
- Dissertations, research protocols, commentaries / letters to the editor, narrative/descriptive papers, lab/pre-clinical studies, incidence/prevalence papers
- Articles ≤ 1 page
- Protocols on Study Designs

Search Terms

Below are condensed search strategies used for each research question in MEDLINE. Comparable terms were used in all other databases searched.

Search 1: What are the most effective ways for nurses (and other health care providers) to identify, assess and respond to abuse and neglect of older adults?

Population	Intervention	Limits
[elder* or aged* or aging* or senior? or old* or geriatric] adj 5 [abus*, mistreat*, maltreat*, neglect*, neglig*, intimidat*, batter or battered, violen*, beated or beating or beaten, exploit*, disrespect*, bully*, harm*, aband*, assault*, financ* adj5 (exploitat* or abus*)), ageism*. grann* adj5 (bash* or batter or battered.	Outcome and Process Assessment (Health Care), Geriatric Assessment, Needs Assessment, Risk Assessment, Risk Factors, Mass Screening, Medical history taking, Physical Examination, Mandatory Reporting, Questionnaires, Social Support, assess*, screen*, measur*, evaluat*, recogn*, identif*, detect*, risk*, questionnaire*, medical adj2 histor*, physical adj2 examin*, respond*, interven*, report*, protect*, manag*, approach*, treat*, safeguard*, decision , making tree?, protocol?, support*, address*.	Humans, English or French Language, yr= 2000-April 2013, age >45 years.

Search 2: What are the most effective ways to prevent and address abuse and neglect of older adults (living in facilities and community settings)?

Population	Intervention	Limits
[elder* or aged* or aging* or senior? or old* or geriatric] adj 5 [abus*, mistreat*, maltreat*, neglect*, neglig*, intimidat*, batter or battered, violen*, beated or beating or beaten, exploit*, disrespect*, bully*, harm*, aband*, assault*, financ* adj5 (exploitat* or abus*), ageism*, grann* adj5 (bash* or. batter or battered.	Preventive Health Services, Primary Prevention, Preventive Medicine, Patient Advocacy, Public Health, Health Promotion, exp Community Health Services, prevent*, avoid*, address*, Approach*, (public* or population) adj2, health*), (health* adj2 promot*), (health* adj2 determinant*), communit*.mp., advocacy*, awareness*, policy, organizational policy, health policy, health care reform, Policy Making, Decision Making, Organizational, organizational culture, Organizational Innovation, Organizational Objectives, Constitution and Bylaws", Legislation, Hospital, Legislation, Medical, Legislation, Nursing, (policy* or policies*), ((healthcare or health care) adj2, reform*), (decision* adj2 (maker? or making)), (organization* adj2 cultur*; innovat*; object*); support*), "constitut* and bylaw?", legislat*.mp., regulation*, strateg*, procedure?, protocol*, (plan? or planning), Education, exp Education, Professional, Education, Distance, Education Department, Hospital, exp Inservice Training, Preceptorship, exp Curriculum, exp	Humans, English or French Language, yr= 2000-May2013, age >45 years.

	Teaching, exp Professional Competence, Educational Measurement, Program Development, models, educational, Self-Evaluation Programs, exp Evidence-Based Practice, Orientation, Learning, educat*, preceptor*, curricul*, teaching*, learn*, program*, orientation?, train*, workshop?, work-shop?, session?, round?, seminar?, webinar?, (profession* adj2 competen*),(profession* adj2 develop*),(evidence adj2 based*).	

Hand Search

Panel members were asked to review personal libraries to identify key articles not found through the above search strategies. Articles identified by panel members were included in the search results if two nursing research associates independently determined the articles had not been identified by the literature search and met the inclusion criteria.