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An e-newsletter from the Center of Excellence on Elder Abuse & Neglect at the University of California, Irvine Program in Geriatrics

Promoting aging with joy and eliminating aging in fear.

REPORT: ACADEMY ON VIOLENCE & ABUSE: "Hidden Costs in Health Care: The Economic Impact of Violence and Abuse"

Violence and abuse leads to as much as a 250 percent increase in healthcare utilization in adults who've been victimized.

Download the full report from <http://www.avahealth.org/>

ELDER ABUSE IN THE NEWS: What we can learn from the Astor case The conviction of Anthony Marshall in the Brooke Astor case will probably make front page news in the *NY Times* and will definitely be covered by other papers everywhere. We can use this case to highlight elder mistreatment issues. If you are interested in receiving a sample letter to the editor, please visit our homepage www.centeronelderabuse.org and click on "Astor Case Makes Headlines."

RESEARCH: Quality of care in for-profit and not-for-profit nursing homes: Systematic review and meta-analysis Researchers reviewed studies investigating quality of care and analyzed pooled outcomes for the four most frequently reported quality measures. They found more extensively trained staff or more staff and a lower prevalence of pressure ulcers at not-for-profit nursing homes. Comondore VR, Devereaux PJ, Zhou Q, Stone SB, Busse JW, et al.(2009). *BMJ* August 339: b2732. http://www.bmj.com/cgi/content/abstract/339/aug04_2/b2732

RESEARCH: Clinical interview assessment of financial capacity in older adults with mild cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease Physicians were able to attain reliable capacity judgments in cognitively impaired older adults, some of whom had MCI and others with AD. Marson DC, Martin RC, Wadley V, Griffith HR, Snyder S, et al. (2009). *J Am Geriatr Soc* May;57(5):806-14. <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/fulltext/122345394/HTMLSTART>

REPORT: CDC Webpages on Elder Maltreatment The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has added Elder Maltreatment to its Violence Prevention topics online. <http://www.cdc.gov/ViolencePrevention/eldermaltreatment/index.html>

REPORT: The Quality of Death, End of Life Care in America: Inside Out Radio documentary and website from WBUR Boston investigates what prevents many patients from having a "respectful death." <http://www.insideout.org/documentaries/qualityofdeath/#>

RESEARCH: Bruising studies funded by National Institute of Justice A downloadable one-page summary of

findings from Center of Excellence research on bruising in older adults can be accessed at

<http://www.centeronelderabuse.org>

The article Bruising as a Marker of Physical Elder Abuse is in the July 2009 issue of *Journal of the American Geriatrics Society* 57(7). Wiglesworth A, Austin R, Corona M, Schneider D, Liao S, Gibbs L, Mosqueda L.

<http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/journal/122432885/abstract> For a copy of the full article, email centeronelderabuse@uci.edu

DID YOU KNOW... the difference between delusions and hallucinations? Research nurse Rachel Austin, R.N. explains, "Delusion is a *fixed false belief* despite evidence that the belief is not true or possible. Hallucination is a *sensory perception*, which can affect any of the senses, usually visual or auditory." More information can be found at http://www.healthinaging.org/agingintheknow/chapters_ch_trial.asp?ch=34

CREATING AN ELDER ABUSE FORENSIC CENTER Manual and DVD Since the Orange County Elder Abuse Forensic Center (EAFC) was launched in 2003, we have been approached by other communities interested in starting their own Centers. Here is a Manual and 20-minute companion DVD that provides practical information (structure, ideas, forms) to get you started. To download an order form or view sample materials, visit <http://www.centeronelderabuse.org/page.cfm?pgid=2>

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