

# Detecting Elder Abuse & Neglect in a Dental Clinic

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# Why Dentists?



- Mandated reporters
- Least likely to report of all health professionals
- Elder abuse & neglect not on their radar

# Project Goals

- Place EAN on radar of dental students
- Increase focus on aging in dental school
- Demystify EAN reporting process
- Institute EAN reporting protocol in clinic

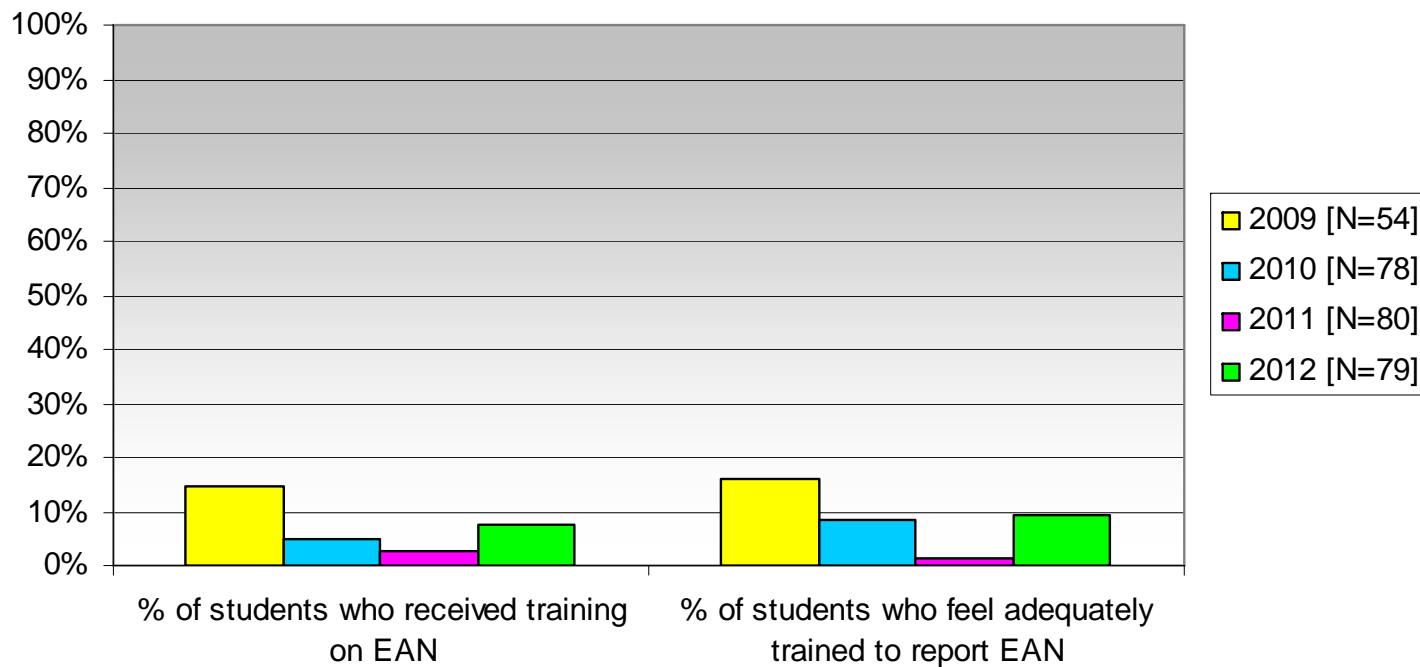
# Activity

Assess knowledge of elder abuse and neglect among dental students

# Results

**Dental Students' Previous EAN Training & Readiness to Report**

Table 1



# Activity

Develop content material  
that can be infused into  
pre-professional dental  
school curriculum

## Infusion of EAN into Existing Courses for Dental Students

Student Year	Course	Type of Class	Modality	EAN Content Areas
1	Ethics	Lecture Small Group	Case-based	Ethical decision making and dilemmas related to reporting EAN
2	Behavioral Science	Lecture Small Group	Role-play, Discussion	Behavioral dynamics of EAN, Intervention strategies
3	Health Policy	Lecture Small Group	Project-based	Aging Policies, State reporting mandates
4	Culture & Health	Lecture Small Group	Clinical case presentations	Clinical implications of EAN, Screening, Culturally competent communication
4	Regulation	Lecture	Didactic	Documentation and reporting, Linkages to advocacy and support services

# Activity

EAN screening questions added to dental clinic Oral Diagnosis intake form effective July 2009!

- 1. Are you afraid of anyone at your home or care facility?*
- 2. Do you ever feel your medications are not available when you need them?*
- 3. Are you ever in need of help with brushing, flossing or taking care of your teeth but not able to find someone to help you?*



- Provide 160,000 patient visits/year
  - Diverse patient population
- Screen 2,500 new patients/year
  - 45% are over 60 years of age