

A HISTORY OF EXCELLENCE

PROGRAM IN GERIATRICS, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

Milestones in the Development of the Center of Excellence on Elder Abuse and Neglect, University of California, Irvine

2000

The Vulnerable Adult Specialist Team is established as part of the Program in Geriatrics at the University of California, Irvine. Program pairs medical doctors and psychologists with county social service professionals to handle cases of suspected elder abuse.



2001

Program in Geriatrics receives grant from the **National Institutes of Justice** to undertake the first ever study of bruising in the geriatric population.



2003



The world's first **Elder Abuse Forensic Center** is established with a grant from the Archstone Foundation. The Forensic Center is staffed by professionals from legal, medical, social services, and law enforcement agencies who conduct case reviews, in-home medical and mental status, and evidentiary investigation. The collaboration brings these experts together to better understand, identify and treat elder abuse, determine more efficient ways to successfully prosecute elder abuse cases and support the prevention of elder abuse through greater awareness and education among those professionals who work with older and disabled adults.

2005



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The Forensic Center receives a grant from the Archstone Foundation to establish a multi-disciplinary **Center of Excellence on Elder Abuse and Neglect**. The Center serves as a central source of technical assistance, best practice information, multidisciplinary training, useful research, and relevant policy issues on the topic of elder abuse.

The UniHealth Foundation gives a grant for the Center of Excellence to establish an **Elder Abuse Training Institute**. Elder Abuse Investigations Peace Officer Standardized Training established and presented to an inaugural class of law enforcement officers.



"The life cycle of bruises in older adults." Mosqueda L, Burnight K, Liao S, Journal of the American Geriatrics Society 2005 Aug;53(8):1339-43.



2006



NY Times article: "Forensic Skills Seek to Uncover Elder Abuse" (September 27) highlights work of the **Elder Abuse Forensic Center**.

Second bruising study starts with grant from the NIJ: "Bruising as a Forensic Marker of Physical Elder Abuse"



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2007

Geriatric Pocket Doc published. A field guide for non-physicians, *GPD* is used by social workers, law enforcement, attorneys, judges, and aging services providers.



2008

National Institutes of Justice fund two research studies on: "People with Dementia as Witnesses to Emotional Events" and "Coroners' Investigations of Suspicious Elder Deaths."

Elder Death Investigation for Coroner/Medical Examiner Investigators course first offered.



"Creating an Elder Abuse Forensic Center: Philosophy into Action." [dvd and manual] Mosqueda L, Twomey M, Chen E, Odom I. Available from Center of Excellence on Elder Abuse & Neglect, call 714.456.5524.



2009



National
Multiple Sclerosis
Society

The Center organizes and hosts a **Special All-day Track on Elder Abuse at the American Society on Aging** conference in Las Vegas, NV. The Center presents an Elder Abuse Symposium at the annual American Geriatrics Society conference.

Program in Geriatrics receives grant from the **National Multiple Sclerosis Society** to undertake a study, "The Challenge of Giving Care to People with Multiple Sclerosis."



"Bruising as a marker of physical elder abuse" Wiglesworth A, Austin R, Corona M, Schneider D, Liao S, Gibbs L, Mosqueda L. Journal of the American Geriatrics Society 2009 Jul;57(7):1191-6. Epub 2009 Jun 3.

2010



"Screening for abuse and neglect of people with dementia" Wiglesworth A, Mosqueda L, Mulnard R, Liao S, Gibbs L, Fitzgerald W. Journal of the American Geriatrics Society. 2010 Mar;58(3):493-500.

2011



The Forensic Center reviews its 800th case of elder abuse.

U.S. Department of Justice honors Elder Abuse Forensic Center of Orange County with a 2011 **Award for Professional Innovation in Victim Services**.

The Center of Excellence is awarded the grant from the Administration on Aging to become the **National Center on Elder Abuse**.



Mosqueda L, Dong XQ. **Elder Abuse and Self-neglect: "I Don't Care Anything About Going to the Doctor, to Be Honest. . . ."** JAMA. 2011;306(5):532-540. doi: 10.1001/jama.2011.1085



2012

Formation of **Ageless Alliance** (www.agelessalliance.org) announced at the White House on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

UC Irvine awarded a grant from the U.S. Administration on Aging called **Take AIM against Elder Abuse**.



"Excellence is the result of caring more than others think is wise, risking more than others think is safe, dreaming more than others think is practical and expecting more than others think is possible." – ANONYMOUS



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