ELDER ABUSE, NEGLECT, AND EXPLOITATION

Thursday, May 30, 2013
Grappone Conference Center
70 Constitution Avenue, Concord, NH 03301

Agenda
8:00 - 8:30 AM  Registration and Continental Breakfast
8:30 - 8:45 AM  Welcoming Remarks
8:45 - 9:45 AM  Assessment of Elder Abuse and Neglect: Clinical Cases
                Meredith Wallace Kazer, PhD, CNL, APRN, AGNP-BC, FAAN
9:45 - 10:45 AM Alcohol and Medication Abuse and Older Adults
                Stephen Bartels, MD, MS
10:45 - 11:00 AM Break
11:00 - 12:00 AM Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Passive Suicide: Complex Cases
                Elizabeth Santos, MD
12:00 - 1:00 PM Lunch (provided)
1:00 - 2:00 PM  Financial Exploitation
                Cheryl Driscoll, JD
2:00 - 2:15 PM  Break
2:15 - 3:15 PM  Ethics of Self Care in Challenging Cases
                L. Rene Bergeron, PhD
3:15 - 4:00 PM  Trends of Elder Abuse and Self Neglect in New Hampshire
                Rachel Lakin, MSW

Registration Deadline: May 23, 2013; Cost: $50 (to cover refreshments)
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**Target Audience**
- Physicians
- Nurses
- Nurse Practitioners
- Other Providers
- Other Health Care Professionals
- Social Workers
- Adult Protective Services Workers
- Other Community-based Service Providers

**Learning Objectives**
- Discuss the current prevalence and incidence of elder abuse, neglect, and exploitation in New Hampshire.
- Recognize the signs of abuse and neglect in older adults, including subtle signs.
- Discuss the nature of alcohol and medication abuse in older adults, warning signs, and assessment and intervention.
- Identify many of the risk factors for elder abuse and self-neglect, and the risk factors for suicide. Develop a deeper understanding of the complex interplay between traumatized older adults, self-neglecting older adults, and suicide.
- Discuss resources and interventions that may help to reduce and prevent financial exploitation of older adults.
- Recognize the importance of self-care as it relates to effective practice. Apply critical thinking in ethically challenging situations as a method of professional self-care.

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**Social Workers:** Please contact Bernadette (Bernie) Seifert at bseifert@naminh.org for information regarding social work accreditation.
**Faculty**

**Stephen Bartels, MD, MS** is the Herman O’ West Professor of Geriatrics, Professor of Psychiatry, and of Community & Family Medicine, and of the Dartmouth Institute at Dartmouth Medical School. He is the Director of the Center for Aging Research at The Dartmouth Institute, and directs Dartmouth's Centers for Health and Aging, which includes the Northern New England Geriatric Education Center. His research interests include health promotion, prevention, and health management in older adults with mental disorders; self-management of chronic illness, integration of mental health and primary care; telehealth, Medicaid and Medicare costs of medical and mental disorders in older adults; and evidence-based geriatric medicine.

**L. Rene Bergeron, PhD,** has a research focus is in several areas relating to elder maltreatment, neglect, and exploitation on both the state and national levels. Her primary focus is on the physical abuse of community dwelling elders and the accompanying practice dilemmas of servicing this population. Her research includes analyzing the decisional factors used by protection workers when they intervene in suspected cases of maltreatment. She is particularly interested in the ethical conflict between the principles of client’s self-determination and the worker’s duty-to-protect. She continues to present her work at national and international conferences and she is published in various journals and has authored chapters in several books such as the *Encyclopedia of Domestic Violence, Health Consequence of Abuse in the Family,* and *Family Poverty in Diverse Contexts.*

**Cheryl S. Driscoll, JD,** has been on the staff of New Hampshire Legal Assistance (NHLA) since 1999. She currently serves as Directing Attorney of NHLA’s Senior Law Project where she focuses her work on abusive and illegal debt collection practices, financial exploitation and nursing home/assisted living resident rights. Prior to becoming director of the Senior Law Project, Cheryl served in many other roles at NHLA, including staff attorney, Senior Legal Advice Line manager and director of a medical-legal collaborative project. Before joining NHLA, Cheryl spent two years as a staff attorney at the Disabilities Rights Center. Cheryl holds a B.A. in Sociology from Southern Illinois University and a J.D. from the University of New Hampshire School of Law.

**Meredith Wallace Kazer, PhD, APRN,** completed her BSN degree Magna Cum Laude at Boston University. Following this, she earned an MSN in medical-surgical nursing with a specialty in geriatrics from Yale University and a PhD in nursing research and theory development at New York University. During her time at NYU she was the original author and editor of Try This: Best Practices in Geriatric Nursing series. In 2001, she won the Springer Publishing Company Award for Applied Nursing Research. She was the Managing Editor of the Journal of Applied Nursing Research and is currently the research brief editor for the journal. She published the book: Prostate Cancer: Nursing Assessment Management and Care, in April 2002, which won the American Journal of Nursing Book of the Year Award. Dr. Kazer is an adult and gerontological nurse practitioner and currently maintains a practice in primary care with a focus on chronic illness in older adults.

**E.J. Santos, MD,** is a geriatric psychiatrist, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Rochester School of Medicine and Dentistry, and the co-director of the general psychiatry residency program. Clinically, Dr. Santos works as an attending at the Strong Behavioral Health Older Adults Clinic and she is an attending in the Comprehensive Psychiatric Emergency Program (CPEP) at the University of Rochester Medical Center. She is also the medical director of the Mental Health Services at the Hall of Justice. Elder mistreatment is the focus of her research, including development of screening tools, training evaluators, public policy, advocacy for older adults, education, and psychopathology of victims and perpetrators.
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