

## Elderly abuse and neglect in India

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■ **ABSTRACT** : Elderly abuse is a widespread and serious universal problem. It is not limited to any one gender, religion, culture or income group but may occur in many different settings, including private homes, residential care settings and hospitals. The abuse, neglect and mistreatment of elderly cause a range of long-term physical and psychological health problems. With the rapidly increasing number of aged compounded by disintegration of joint families and ever increasing influence of modernization and new life styles, the care of elderly has emerged as an important issue in India. Providing care for the aged has never been a problem in India where a value- based joint family system was dominant. However, with a growing trend towards nuclear family set-up, the vulnerability of elderly is considerably increasing. The paper highlights an overview of elderly abuse and neglect in India.

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