Indicators of Abuse Screen

Indicators of abuse are listed below, numbered in order of importance. * After a 2- to 3-hour home assessment (or other intensive assessment) please rate each of the following items on a scale of 0 to 4. Do not omit any items. Rate according to your current opinion.

Scale: Estimated extent of problem:

0 = nonexistent
1 = slight
2 = moderate
3 = probably/moderately severe
4 = yes/severe

00 = not applicable
000 = don't know

Caregiver age _____ years
Caregiver and care receiver kinship _____spouse
_____nonspouse

Caregiver	Care Receiver
1. Has behavior problems	13. Has been abused in the past
2. Is financially dependent	14. Has marital/family conflict
3. Has mental/emotional difficulties	15. Lacks understanding or medical condition
4. Has alcohol/substance abuse problem	16. Is socially isolated
5. Has unrealistic expectations	17. Lacks social support
6. Lacks understanding of medical condition	18. Has behavior problems
7. Shows caregiving reluctancy	19. Is financially dependent
8. Has marital/family conflict	20. Has unrealistic expectations
9. Has poor current relationship	21. Has alcohol/medication problem
10. Is inexperienced in caregiving	22. Has poor current relationship
11. Is a blamer	23. Has suspicious falls/injuries
12. Has poor past relationship	24. Has mental/emotional difficulties
	25. Is a blamer
	26. Is emotionally dependent
	27. Has no regular doctor

*The majority of the most important indicators are in the caregiver category.

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