



NIH Workshop

Multiple Approaches to Understanding and Preventing Elder Abuse

October 30, 2015

Claude D. Pepper Building (31), C wing, 6th Floor, Room 6
National Institutes of Health

As part of a national priority to promote elder justice, a key focus of the 2015 White House Conference on Aging, NIH is hosting a one-day workshop on understanding and preventing elder abuse and mistreatment. Elder abuse and mistreatment is a growing public health problem, and it has a devastating impact on the mental and physical health and wellbeing of some of the most vulnerable members of our communities. Despite growing awareness, the research field is still relatively new and there remain significant research gaps in detecting, preventing and intervening in elder abuse. Increased understanding of the origins of abuse, risk profiles and effective interventions may resonate across contexts of family violence, including elder abuse, child abuse and intimate partner violence. The purpose of this meeting is to focus on the application of lessons learned across fields, and common challenges and opportunities in elder abuse, child abuse, intimate partner violence and other related fields.

Friday, October 30, 2015

8:00-8:15 Welcome and Introductory Remarks (10 min)

Nora Super (White House Conference on Aging)

Marie Bernard (NIA)

Janine Clayton (ORWH)

8:15-8:25 Speaker Introductions (10 min)

**8:25-8:45 Overview of Relevant Reports and Previously Identified Research Priorities
(15 min presentation, 5 min clarifying questions)**

Robert Wallace

**8:45-10:15 Panel 1: Identifying Abuse—Screening, Standards, and Detection Challenges
(90 min)**

Moderator: Scott Beach

Panelists: Tony Rosen

Christopher Carpenter

Phyllis Sharps

Richard Gelles

10:15-10:30 Break (15 min)

10:30-12:00 Panel 2: Origins of Abuse, Early Adversity, Cycles of Abuse and Abuse across the Lifespan (90 min)

Moderator: Marie-Therese Connolly

Panelists: Karl Pillemer – remote participant

Cathy Widom

Sherry Hamby

Sonia Salari

Xinqi Dong – remote participant

12:00-12:20 Break and Box Lunch Pickup (20 min)

12:20-2:00 Lunchtime Breakout Sessions (100 min)

Topic 1: Health Disparities and Cultural Dimensions of Abuse

Scott Beach, Lori Jervis

Topic 2: Preventing Mistreatment in Familial Environments

Kerry Burnight, Sonia Salari

Topic 3: Risk Factors: Diminished Cognitive/Decisional Capacity

Jason Karlawish, Daniel Marson, Nathan Spreng

Topic 4: Bioethics and Law in Elder Abuse Research

Miriam Kelty, Mark Lachs

2:00-2:15 Break (15 min)

2:15-3:15 Breakout Sessions Reports (15 min per session)

Moderator: Marie-Therese Connolly

3:15-4:45 Panel 3: Novel Intervention and Prevention Strategies (90 min)

Moderator: Jeanne Teresi

Panelists: Elizabeth Skowron

David Burnes

MaryAnn Dutton

Laura Mosqueda

4:45-5:30 Closing Session: Summary Discussion and Next Steps (45 min)

Moderators: Mark Lachs and Robert Wallace

5:30 Adjourn