

PRACTISS Elder Abuse Supporting Roles

Role	Description (Role, Behaviour, Key Moments, Script)
Patient	<p>You had a fall at home 3 days ago. You should only state initially that you fell down a few stairs in the garden. You should be cagey about what happened and withdrawn throughout the encounter with the team. You withdraw physically when being touched.</p> <p>You are reluctant to answer questions but will inform them you have had gradually worsening pain in your abdomen since the fall and you hit your head. You have also been experiencing some palpitations for the last 5 days before the fall. You have a history of AF, hypertension, COPD and type 2 diabetes. You are on multiple medications: a blood thinner, diabetic medication, BP medication and puffers. You have the medication list in your bag (rivaroxaban, metoprolol, fluticasone, candesartan and metformin). You live with your son and you usually mobilize with four-wheel walker.</p> <p>Confederate to prompt the participants to call the son to take further history.</p> <p>As the scenario progresses if the team probes you further you should inform them your son was drunk and pushed you over. Unfortunately, you were standing at the top of a few stairs in the garden when this happened. You don't think he meant to push you down the stairs he just doesn't know his own strength sometimes.</p> <p>If asked, this is not the first time this has happened. Your son has a few whiskeys most nights after work. He gets angry with you when he is drunk and sometimes grabs your arm and tells you to go to your room and leave him alone. He accidentally pushed you over whilst drunk about a year ago, but you were fine and didn't want to cause a fuss. You don't want to get him in trouble as he means well and does let you stay at home with him, but he has been struggling since his wife left him 2 years ago. He often blames you for this and tells you that you are a burden on him. Your medications ran out 10 days ago, but he has been too busy to collect it from the pharmacy for you and you have been having intermittent palpitations and dizziness since then. If asked further about the situation at home, let them know that you often don't have lunch when your son is at work as you have difficulty making the food yourself. You rarely go out and spend most of your time at home alone. You only came to hospital because your pain is getting worse and you are worried you may fall again due to the dizziness and palpitations. You don't want to end up in a nursing home and want to go back home with your son as you are happy managing as you are</p>
Confederate	<p>You are the son on the phone. You will give different story (she fell in the supermarket on slippery wet tiles, she has dementia and she forgets a lot and can make up some stories). You become flustered but then apologize.</p>