Family Violence in Later Life

**PHYSICAL & SEXUAL ABUSE**

**SEXUAL ABUSE:**
Makes demeaning remarks about intimate body parts. Is rough with intimate body parts during caregiving. Takes advantage of physical or mental illness to engage in sex. Forces you to perform sex acts that make you feel uncomfortable or that are against your wishes. Forces you to watch pornographic movies.

**PHYSICAL ABUSE:**

**THREATS/INTIMIDATION:**
Threatens to leave, divorce, commit suicide, or institutionalize. Abuses or kills pets or prized livestock. Destroys property. Displays or threatens with weapons.

**FINANCIAL Exploitation:**
Steals money, titles, or possessions. Takes over accounts, bills, and spending without permission. Abuses power of attorney.

**Ridiculing Values/Spirituality:**
Denies access to church or clergy. Makes fun of personal values. Ignores or ridicules religious and/or cultural traditions.

**Isolation:**
Controls what you do, who you see, and where you go. Limits time with friends and family. Denies access to phone or mail.

**Using Family Members:**
Magnifies disagreements. Misleads members about extent and nature of illnesses/conditions. Excludes or denies access to family. Forces family to keep secrets.

**Using Privilege:**
Treats you like a servant. Makes all major decisions.

**Emotional Abuse:**

**Abusing Dependencies/Neglecting:**
Takes walker, wheelchair, glasses, dentures. Takes advantage of confusion. Denies or creates long waits for food, heat, care, or medication. Does not report medical problems. Understands but fails to follow medical, therapy, or safety recommendations. Makes you miss medical appointments.

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