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Hearing the Silent Cry for Help

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HEARING THE SILENT CRY

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Federal Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA): Definition of Abuse and Neglect

"Any recent act or failure to act on the part of a parent or caretaker, which results in death, serious physical or emotional harm, sexual abuse, or exploitation, or an act or failure to act which presents an imminent risk of serious harm"

Signs of Child Abuse

- Extreme fear of the oral exam
- Avulsed teeth, lip lacerations, jaw fractures
- Tongue injuries and or frenum injuries
- Unexplained burns, bites, bruises, broken bones, or black eyes
- Bruising of hard or soft palate
- Difficulty in walking or sitting

Document, Document, Document

- Clinical findings
- Description of injury
- Child's behavioral
- Radiographs of areas
- Photographs of injury
- What patient said (in quotes)
- Clinical rationale for treatment or **non-treatment**

National Child Abuse Hotline

1-800-4-A-Child

**Dentists and Dental Hygienists Are
Mandated Reporters of Child Abuse**

Definition of Domestic Violence - It's about Power and Control

"A pattern of coercive behavior characterized by the domination and control of one person over another, usually an intimate partner, through physical, sexual, emotional, verbal and economic abuse"

Examples of abuse include:

- Name-calling or putdowns
- Pushing, slapping, choking or hitting
- Keeping a partner from contacting family or friends
- Public humiliation
- Withholding money
- Actual or threatened physical harm
- Sexual assault
- Stopping a partner from getting or keeping a job
- Stalking
- Intimidation

Look for the Signs

- Trouble swallowing
- Voice changes
- Contusions, abrasions, lacerations
- Chronic pain, headaches
- TMJ
- Inconsistent explanation of injury
- Evasive
- Depression or substance abuse

Getting Help www.thehotline.org

National Hotline 800-799-SAFE (7233)

More Reality: Elder Abuse Elder abuse is an under-recognized problem with devastating and even life-threatening consequences. Over the past 10 years #'s of elder domestic abuse investigations by APS increased more than 150%.

Elder Abuse, Self-neglect/self-abuse, Domestic elder abuse, Institutional elder abuse

Abuser dependent on victim

Indicators -Same as children including...Confusion, nervousness, evasiveness, dehydration, lack of medical devices

Some Facts

- **Approx. 2/3 of all abuse from family members**
- **Adult child or spouse**
- **Maybe financially dependent on elders resources**
- **Dementia Patient Caregivers**
- **70% of care in home by family members**
- **25% of dementia patients have hit caregiver**
- **50% yell or verbally assaulted caregiver**
- **57% of patients have 'wandered'**

Mandated Reporters - Most states require health care providers to report

<http://www.ncvc.org>

If you "reasonably believe" that the elderly person is the victim of abuse or neglect.

Human Trafficking -Modern Day Slavery

- Young Children
- Teenagers
- Men Women
- Sexual exploitation
- Forced labor

National Human Trafficking Resource

Center 1-888-3737-888

www.TraffickingResourceCenter.org

