



**The Toronto Western Hospital
Emergency Department
Survey “Elders In Emergency”**

Please take a few moments to complete the following survey which will assist us as we move forward in planning sessions for our staff to enhance services for our elderly population.

Part I

- | | Yes | No | Sometimes |
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| 1. Do you routinely ask elderly patients if they feel depressed? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Before discharging a confused elderly patient, do you confirm with the family that there has been no acute change in mental status? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Do you routinely ask your elderly patients whether they receive assistance from family, friends, neighbours, or community resources? | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Part II

4. All of the following laboratory values change with age, EXCEPT:
- Sedimentation rate
 - Fasting glucose
 - Hemoglobin
 - Creatinine
 - Albumin
5. All of the following statements are true about trauma in elder persons, EXCEPT:
- Elder persons account for 28% of trauma fatalities.
 - Motor vehicle accidents account for the majority of traumatic injuries and death in older persons.
 - Almost half of elder patients with fractured hips will die within one year.
 - Elder males have the highest incidence of suicide.
 - Burn injuries have worse prognosis in older than younger persons.
6. The most common symptoms of acute myocardial infarction in patients over age 80 is:
- Syncope
 - Fatigue
 - Chest pain
 - Shortness of breath
 - Altered mental status

Part III

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| 7. All five senses tend to decline in old age. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. Lung capacity tends to decline in old age. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. Physical strength tends to decline in old age. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. The reaction time of most old people tends to be slower than younger people. | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |