



## 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 There are no correct answers for Part 1

- |   | Yes                      | No                       | Sometimes                |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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 (*correct answers in italics*)

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

- |  | True     | False |
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| 7. All five senses tend to decline in old age.                                   | <b>x</b> |       |
| 8. Lung capacity tends to decline in old age.                                    | <b>x</b> |       |
| 9. Physical strength tends to decline in old age.                                | <b>x</b> |       |
| 10. The reaction time of most old people tends to be slower than younger people. | <b>x</b> |       |