

Indications of Psychological Abuse

Physical Indicators

- **Significant weight loss or gain that is not attributed to other causes**
- **Stress-related conditions, including elevated blood pressure, irritable bowel syndrome, unexplained and frequent headaches, or the onset of any other somatoform disorders**

Behavioral Indicators Exhibited by the Perpetrator

- **Isolates the senior emotionally by not speaking to, touching, or comforting him or her**

Behavioral Indicators Exhibited by the Elder

- **Has problems sleeping**
- **Exhibits depression and confusion**
- **Cowers in the presence of abuser**
- **Is emotionally upset, agitated, withdrawn, and nonresponsive**
- **Exhibits unusual behavior usually attributed to dementia (e.g., sucking, biting, rocking)**