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ELDER ABUSE

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Elder abuse is a serious problem-each year hundreds of thousands of seniors are abused. Although the problem is described, defined and legislatures exist in many countries elder abuse is not still recognized as public health problem. Red Cross of Serbia has organized education of volunteers in Elder Abuse and Discrimination topic which is very important in sensibilisation among community-dwelling. Volunteers (N=226) were informed with generally accepted definitions, research in the field and legislature in Serbia concerning this issue and proposed network for prevention of elder abuse. Interactive workshops gave us data: distribution and types of elder abuse in their local communities and obstacles in referring and positive examples from practice as problem solving models.