



# ELDERLY ABUSE AND NEGLECT IN TURKEY

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## INTRODUCTION

- Elder abuse and neglect have been put into agenda because of the increasing number of elderly people, changing family and socio-cultural structure, worsening of the economic conditions in recent years.

(K1ssal ,2009)

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- Abuse and neglect has been considered as a critical and complex subject which affects the health of elderly people and their life quality.

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# Purpose:

- The main objective of this presentation is evaluating the researches which studies neglect and abuse of elder in Turkey.

- Neglect and abuse of elderly is a social problem, as well as a public health problem

**(Gülen ,2013, Bennet,2014)**

- Turkey also applied to the most common form of violence against the elderly is the neglect of the elderly

**(Tufan ,2011)**

- Turkey , has not enough adequate data on the notification of violence against the elderly within the family

**(Tufan 2011,Tezcan ,2012,Gülen 2013)**

## In Turkey, beginning in studies of factors affecting the neglect and abuse of elderly

- increase in the population
- Economic reasons
- Poverty
- Unemployment
- Migration
- **It comes to factors such as excessive the number of people living at home. (Gülen ,2013)**



The elderly are mostly abused by family members, caregivers or in residential homes.

**(Ergöner ,2012)**

- They are exposed to violence to their homes in the most secure environment or close
- Their children
- Their wife
- Their relatives
- Their maintainers
- Their neighbors

( Tufan ,2012)

- Elderly people do not say that they are abused or neglected because of the fear of re-exposure to violence, breaking family ties being separated from the family and sent to a social institution and legal procedures.
  - ( Öz,2010, Fadıloğlu ,2012 ,Reis 2014))

- In terms of elder abuse, it is pointed that elder having poor health conditions and elder's dependent on other are among the most biggest risks.

**( Fadılođlu, 2012)**

- According to the types of elder abuse in the family in the study results , 13% of wives and 21% of children are carried out by relatives of 2%

**(T.C. Devlet Planlama Teşkilatı, 2007)**

- 25.7 % of elderly admitted to the nursing home in Turkey , faced with physical abuse from their families.

**(Başer , 2011 )**

- A study conducted in Turkey , although their neighbor's know the violence ,only one of three of the neighbor's report it to the police.
- The social environment of the elderly are reluctant to share it.

( Tufan, 2012)

# **Studies Which Search Elderly Abuse And Neglect**



RESEARCHER	TYPE OF RESEARCH SAMPLE	MEASURING TOOLS USED	RESULTS
Artan (1996)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Descriptive</li> <li>•n:113</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Socio- demographic form</li> <li>▪ Descriptive form for determining the physical abuse of the elderly within the family</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 25.6% are exposed to physical abuse.</li> <li>• 25.7% physical abuse ,</li> <li>• financial abuse 14.7%</li> <li>• neglect 18.1%</li> </ul>

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<p>Keskinoğlu (2004)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Descriptive</li> <li>• n: 201</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A questionnaire for the detection of elder abuse</li> <li>• Neglect of Elderly financial abuse scoring scale ( frequency of bathing , nail cutting frequency , nail hygiene, frequency of changing underwear , body odor,) Demographic characteristics</li> <li>• Home form contains properties related to the economic situation and health</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1.5% physical abuse</li> <li>• 2.5% financial abuse</li> <li>• 3.5% evidence of neglect</li> <li>• 28.9 % possible neglect</li> </ul>

RESEARCHER	TYPE OF RESEARCH SAMPLE	MEASURING TOOLS USED	RESULTS
İlhan (2006)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Descriptive</li> <li>• n:275</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A questionnaire for the detection of elder abuse</li> <li>• For uneducated Mini Mental State Examination ( MMSE - E)</li> <li>• Groningen Activity Restriction Scale</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 40.5 % of elder abuse</li> <li>• 29.7 % emotional abuse</li> <li>• 29.7 % neglect</li> <li>• 20.3 % economic</li> <li>• 9.5 % of physical abuse</li> </ul>

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Keskinoglu (2007)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Descriptive</li><li>• n: 497</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A questionnaire for the detection of elder abuse</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• high socio-economic region, 2 %</li><li>• low socio-economic region of 2.5%</li></ul>

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Kolaç ( 2009)	Descriptive •n:117	A questionnaire for the detection of elder abuse	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4.5. % of the elderly in the family, slap</li> <li>• kicked 5.1 %</li> <li>• 4.3 % fasted</li>   <li>• 1.7% sharp instrument injury</li>   <li>• 10.3 %by children</li> <li>• 36.8 % by wives</li> <li>• 7.7 % by grandson</li> </ul>

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<p>Özden (2010)</p>	<p>Descriptive</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>n: 306</li> </ul>	<p>A questionnaire for the detection of elder abuse</p>	<p>4.9 % people 's physical violence</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5.9 % of psychological violence</li> <li>0.3 % sexual violence</li> </ul>

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Tufan (2011)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Descriptive</li> <li>• n: 35 thousand 236</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Socio-demographic form</li> <li>• Abuse and neglect evaluation form</li> <li>• Older expectations evaluation form</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A study conducted in Turkey in general have been exposed to violence in the 5% of the elderly population.</li> <li>• 98 % of the elderly were exposed to insulting words and behavior</li> <li>• Brute force elderly loved ones 63% experienced at least a week while 66% of emotional violence</li> </ul>

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Ergin (2012)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Descriptive</li> <li>•n:756</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Socio-demographic form</li> <li>• Abuse and neglect evaluation form</li> <li>• Older expectations evaluation form</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 14.2% of the elderly over 12 months have undergone any type of abuse and neglect</li> <li>• 68.1% of showing the children of abusive behavior the wife and brother of 9.5 % and 12.9%</li> </ul>



# Results :1

- 4% to 10% of elderly people are subject to abuse or neglect.

- (Akdemir ,Görgülü,Çınar ,2008)

# Results :2

- As the population ages , the elderly has become an important factor in maintaining the quality of life

# Results :3

- Elderly relatives feels disturbed by the elders. Despite the fact that elder abuse is known it can't be reported because it is a crime , fear of being ostracized by society and asked to be kept within the family problems

- Ministry of Family Affairs What they did / what are they doing?

- The actions included in the National Ageing Action Plan of 2007 may be listed as The Elderly and Development; Increasing Health and Welfare in Old Age;
- Providing Supportive Environments with Possibilities in Old Age. Goals aimed at the mental health of the elderly are a part of actions for Increasing Health and Welfare in Old Age and Providing Supportive Environments with Possibilities in Old Age. Among these actions, the subject entitled Abuse, Neglect and Violence includes
- Goal 1: "Elimination of All Sorts of Elder Neglect, Abuse and Violence, Regulation in four areas (legislative regulations, vocational education, taking measures through services (hotline to report abuse), community education)"
- Goal 2: "Providing Services for the Prevention of Elder Abuse." -

Family and Social Policy Ministry , Alo 183(call line)  
Family, Women , Children, Elderly and Handicapped  
Social support Hotline Alo 144 with the demands of  
citizens Social Hotline , can transmit free messages for  
their complaints.

# Recommendations

- Support for elder's family financially,
- Making more larger-scale researches on the subject