

## INTERVIEWING THE FAMILY/CARETAKER

**This is information needed during each interview. Please note.**

Interview alone

Convey non-judgmental attitude

Save delicate questions for last

Document responses verbatim in record if possible

Request family member/caretaker demonstrate how injury might have happened

### **Ask caretaker/family member:**

- What is patient's medical history and condition? What medicine does patient take?

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- What kind of care does patient require? How involved are you in day-to-day care and activities? \_\_\_\_\_

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- What do you expect patient to do for himself? What does patient expect you to do?

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- How do you cope? Do you have help from relatives or others?

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- Sources of income? (Assessing family's dependence on patient's income)

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- Who is patient's family doctor? Who last treated patient? \_\_\_\_\_

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- During the exam I noticed injury/condition. Do you know how this happened?

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- (If patient seems undernourished and thin) Are there problems with the patient eating?

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- Everyone experiences frustration as a caretaker. How do you handle daily frustrations? Extreme frustration? \_\_\_\_\_

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- Have you ever had to secure patient to a bed or chair or lock him in a room when you go out? When? Why? What happened? \_\_\_\_\_

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- Have there been times you yelled at patient? \_\_\_\_\_

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