SYMPTOMS: Suspected abuse or maltreatment of vulnerable population.

Assessment, Treatment and Interventions

ALL LEVELS

- 1. Conduct a primary survey; identify and address any life-threatening issues.
- 2. Conduct a secondary survey; document any findings that may suggest abuse or maltreatment.
- 3. If possible, remove patient to a safe place.
- 4. Document concerns.
- 5. Disclose concerns to appropriate authorities.
- 6. Do not investigate or attempt to intervene beyond those suggestions above.
- 7. Leave further investigation to law enforcement personnel.