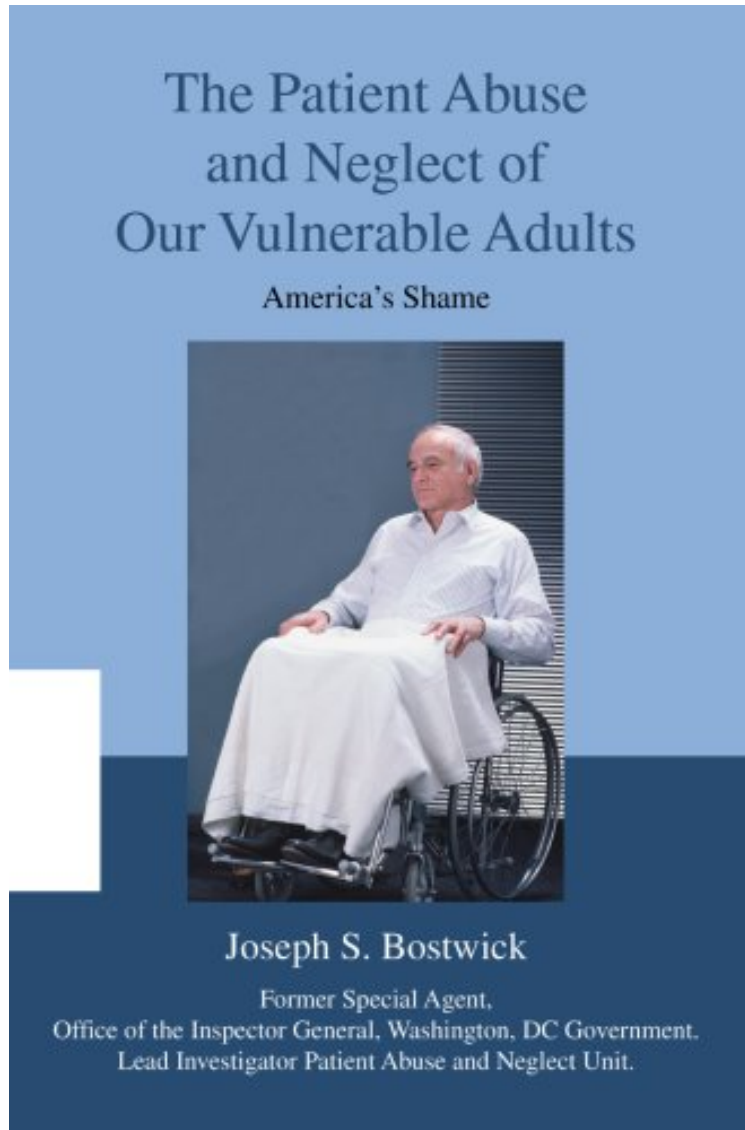


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Patient abuse and neglect is a daily occurrence in our nations medical and psychiatric hospitals, nursing homes, group homes, and other care facilities. But it is not just in institutional settings where at-risk adults are vulnerable. Crimes of abuse also occur in private homes, beyond the sight of regulators, medical professionals, and even family members. Using real-world examples from Joseph Bostwicks extensive career leading investigations into cases of patient abuse, *The Patient Abuse and Neglect of Our Vulnerable Adults* provides law enforcement officers, investigators, legal staff, government regulatory agencies, and care providers with the critical information they need to effectively conduct criminal and administrative investigations into allegations of patient mistreatment and neglect. It also provides families and friends with information and resources for identifying and preventing the abuse and neglect of loved ones. Today, we tend to our vulnerable adults who served our country during World War II, the generation that literally saved the world. Tomorrow, another wave of vulnerable adults awaits our care and protection. The battle against patient abuse and neglect is never-ending, and well-intentioned support and informed diligence is crucial, today and always.

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