

Do you have a evidence-based tool to assess financial decision-making capacity in your older adult clients? This letter is to make you aware that on our website, we have online training, certification and tools for professionals aimed at evaluating an older adult's financial decision-making skills. A risk score and suggested next steps are part of the report generated on the site. These trainings and tools can be used at no charge to the professional. All of our scientific publications and clinical papers can be found on the resource page of the website as well. Visit our website at www.OlderAdultNestEgg.com.

We hope that this site may be useful to you and will help you protect this older adult's financial health.

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Initial studies confirm the Lichtenberg Financial Decision-Making Screening and Rating Scales (© 2014) reliably profile older adults' vulnerability to fraud and ability to manage money. The screening tool uncovers whether a person may be currently under undue influence, be psychologically susceptible to outside influence, or unable to make sound, rational financial decisions. The rating scale determines whether the older adult understood the financial decision and made it with integrity, not whether the decision was wise. "Older adults, like all adults, have the right to make poor financial choices," Dr. Lichtenberg said. "We need to assess whether the decision was authentic."

"I use Dr. Lichtenberg's financial capacity screening tool in my elder law practice. It provides a structure for interviewing clients and assists attorneys negotiating the fine line between maintaining the client's independence and protecting them." Caroline Dellenbusch, J.D. Elder Law and Estate Planning Attorney, Past Chair Elder Law and Disability Rights Section of State Bar of Michigan, completed 40-hour specialized Elder and Guardianship Mediation Training

"Dr Lichtenberg's research and cutting-edge assessment tools on financial decision making by older adults has raised my awareness and enhanced my toolbox. This is essential preparation for any mediator in meeting their ethical obligation to ensure that the mediations they offer provide meaningful opportunities for self determination." Dale Ann Iverson, J.D., JustMediation PLC, Past Chair ADR Section State Bar of Michigan, listed in Super Lawyers and Best Lawyers in Mediation and Arbitration



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