

SIGNS OF MALNUTRITION

Canton Nursing Homes

Detecting problems associated with malnutrition early on is crucial. It can prevent further complications and potentially save a nursing home resident's life.



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WEIGHT LOSS

Dramatic and sudden weight loss can be a sign of malnutrition. The cause could be from an underlying health issue, lack of access to food, poor dietary management, or a number of other issues such as abuse or neglect.

SORES THAT WON'T HEAL

Sores such as unexplained bruising or wounds like bed sores that won't heal can be a sign of malnutrition. Small, consistent changes in a nursing home resident's diet - or involving a doctor and/or dietician can help.

PSYCHOLOGICAL SYMPTOMS

Issues such as memory loss, cognitive impairment, depression, confusion, anorexia, anxiety, fear, and social isolation has been linked to malnutrition.

HAIR LOSS

Nursing home residents who experience sudden hair loss, dull or straw-like hair, blurred vision, flaky skin or brittle nails may be malnourished.

ABDOMEN SWELLING

Severe malnourishment can cause bloating in the abdomen. This is due to water retention and fluid buildup that causes the abdomen to swell.

FREQUENT ILLNESSES

Malnutrition in the elderly can contribute to various health issues. It weakens the immune system and makes them more susceptible to a number of diseases and infections.

DO I NEED A LAWYER?

If you've noticed signs that your loved one is malnourished or you suspect they are suffering from abuse or neglect, please do not hesitate to get the legal advice you need. Call Geiger Legal Group, LLC today for a free case review. An experienced nursing home abuse attorney can help you understand your rights, evaluate your case, and give you insight of your legal options.