

1-Name two implications of the fact that women, on average, live longer than men.

One implication is the fact that women can develop depression as they deal with the fact that their husband has passed. These feelings of looking back on their lives and wanting something to reflect on can lead to a greater feeling of loss as their partner is no longer with them. The loss of a spouse can also lead to feelings of grief that at this age can be more to deal with than they are capable of dealing with. Another implication of women living longer than men is that they are less educated than men on average and with the loss of a financial income.

2-Describe the differences between crystallized and fluid intelligence and give an example of each.

Fluid intelligence is an individual's ability to learn new things as they age whereas crystallized intelligence is the knowledge an individual has learned in life that they can recall in life. An example of fluid intelligence is the fact that an older individual can learn how to knit or crochet later in life in order to use time in their life. An example of crystallized intelligence is an individual recalling how to pay bills or skill that can help them succeed in life.

3-How might an older person's depression present differently from that of a younger adult?

Depression in an older individual's life can present by a person giving away their possessions, or withdrawing further from society. Depression in older individuals can also lead to loss of pleasure in activities that used to be pleasurable or even self neglect. Depression in older adults can also present in somatization. This is the phenomenon in which a person's depression can lead to physical manifestation of their feelings.

4-Name three red flags for elder abuse, neglect, or exploitation that social workers should be aware of.

Elder abuse is a serious form of abuse that can come from a spouse, adult child or other family member. Elder abuse can look like physical abuse that is clear signs of bruising or broken bones. This can also look like sexual abuse or assault. This abuse can also come in the form of psychological abuse like forcing feelings of inadequacy or bullying. Another form of abuse could be financial abuse by a caregiver withholding money or allowances or even stealing money that is supposed to be used for something else. Elder abuse can also come in the form of neglect by refusing to give the proper care to an aging adult.