Title: Conceptualising and Confronting Elder Abuse: A study among elderly in rural and urban households of Maharashtra

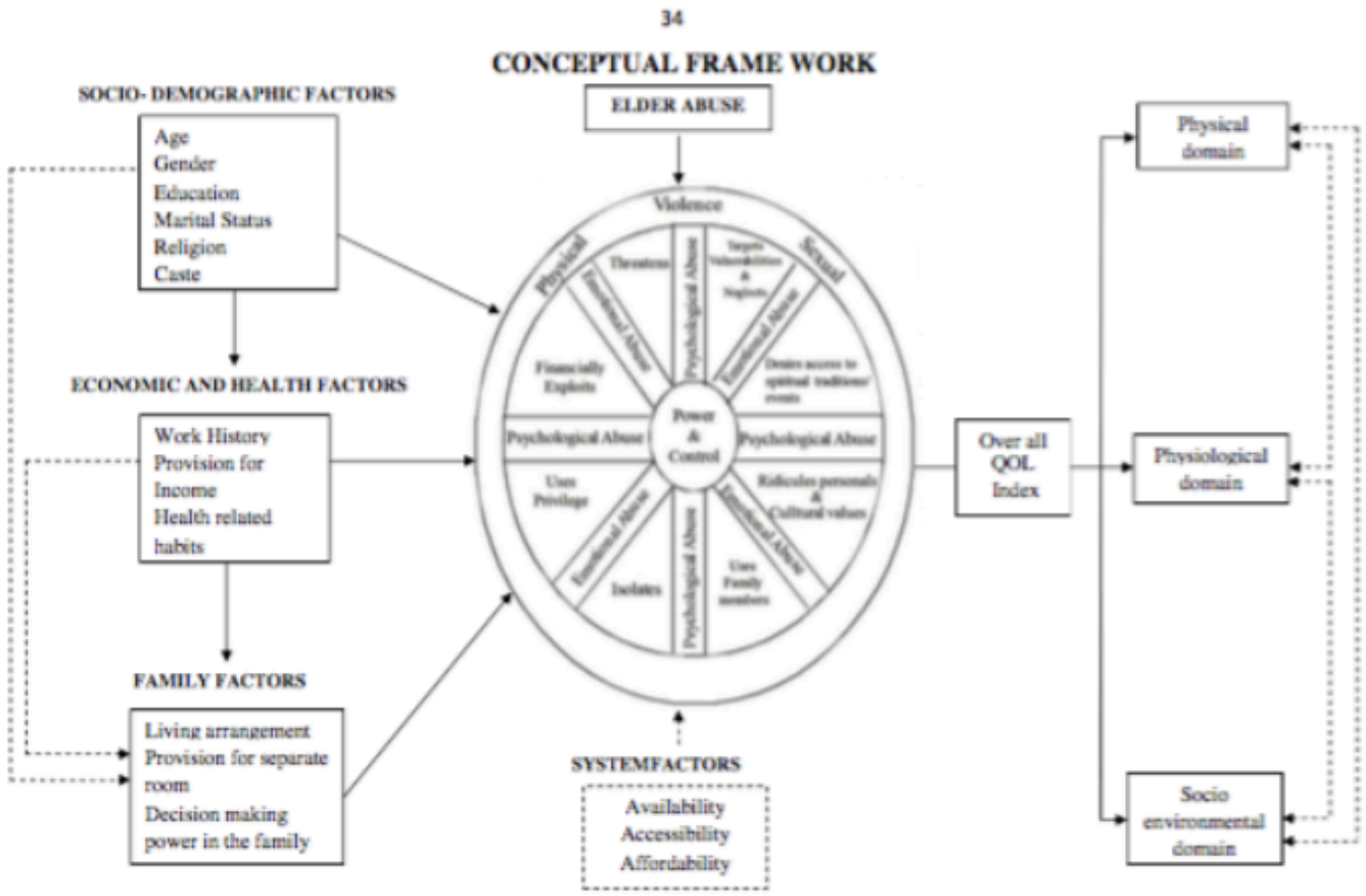
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1. Abstract Body

The irreversible and inevitable process of aging, initially seen as a concern of the aged persons and their families alone, has now gained wide public attention. For nations like India with a higher percentage of older cohorts, care and safety of elders has become an emerging public health concern which rationalises the need for in depth studies on 'elder abuse' to safeguard and uphold the pride, integrity and dignity of India's ageing population. An extensive literature review also supported the need to identify the underlying hidden aspects of elder abuse. This paper is a part of a larger study which aimed towards interlinking the multiple dimensions of elder abuse and QOL undertaking the gender concerns too. The study utilised both primary as well as secondary data to meet the objectives. While the secondary data (based on UNFPA study) revealed a high prevalence of elder abuse among the oldest elderly coupled with the lowest scores of QOL, the primary data via interviews threw light on to the society's perceptions regarding elder abuse and into its much darker sides of power dynamics and exploitation of elders happening within their own households.. This paper exclusively deals with the societal perceptions of elder abuse and the barriers and support needs of the elders. This study underscores the need for further studies which can explore the inextricable linkage between these three aspects, which would definitely be beneficial in designing gender based policies and strategies to safeguard the health and dignity of the aged population.

11. Image



Source: Based on NCALL's Abuse in Later Life Power and Control wheel (The National Clearinghouse on Abuse in Later Life, 2006)

Figure 3.1
Conceptual Framework for the Present Study

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