

ELDER CARE AND TEMPERATURE

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As **nursing assistants**, the day to day care of **frail, elderly** people is in your hands. Your **team** leader, nursing supervisor and the **physician** depend on you for **accurate** and **timely** information. Your work is extremely important. It can make the difference between life and death, comfort and **pain, well-being** or **sickness**.

Nurse: When somebody has an infection, their temperature may elevate but in the elderly, the body response sometimes can be different, and they, in fact, can have a **low** temperature, **rather than** an elevated temperature and so when people present with temperatures of 95 or 94, it may be as **significant** or even more significant than an elevated temperature. That may be the time that may be the first signal that that person is getting an **overwhelming** infection.

In this program, Doctor Worthimer asks you to join her as she goes over **vital signs** and explains why this information is essential to the physician and to all the members of the **health care team**.