

# **MEDICAL CAUSES OF BRUISING AND SKIN TEARS IN THE ELDERLY**

## **1. Neuromuscular:**

- **Frequent Falls Explained by Dementia or Motor Impairment**
- **Muscular Weakness**
- **Seizures**

## **2. Hematological:**

- **Low Platelettes**
- **Anticoagulant Therapy, e.g., coumadin**
- **Frequent Drawing of Blood of IV's**

## **3. Dietary:**

- **Low Protein**
- **Significant Weight Loss**
- **Poor Skin Integrity**

## **4. Behavioral:**

- **Dementia**
- **Fighting / Struggling Behavior**
- **Wandering Behavior**