

Lack of established pathways

Triaging firearm safety concerns is challenging due to the lack of established pathways. Variation in state transfer laws make this more complex to navigate.



Discordance between care partner and older adult

Differing beliefs and perspectives as well as contentious relationships can inhibit productive firearm safety planning.



Competing priorities

Lack of time, institutional prioritization, remuneration and competing health problems make finding time for firearm safety planning difficult.

Firearm Safety Counseling for Older Adults in Clinical Settings

PROVIDER PERSPECTIVES



Addressing firearm values

Personal values and reasons for ownership should be assessed prior to initating the conversation.



Heterogeneity

Every firearm owner is unique.
Expressing understanding and valuing the individual's input will help facilitate productive longterm planning.



Peer-based models

Peer-faciliated models that have been effective for other complex topics such as advance care planning might be useful for firearm safety planning.