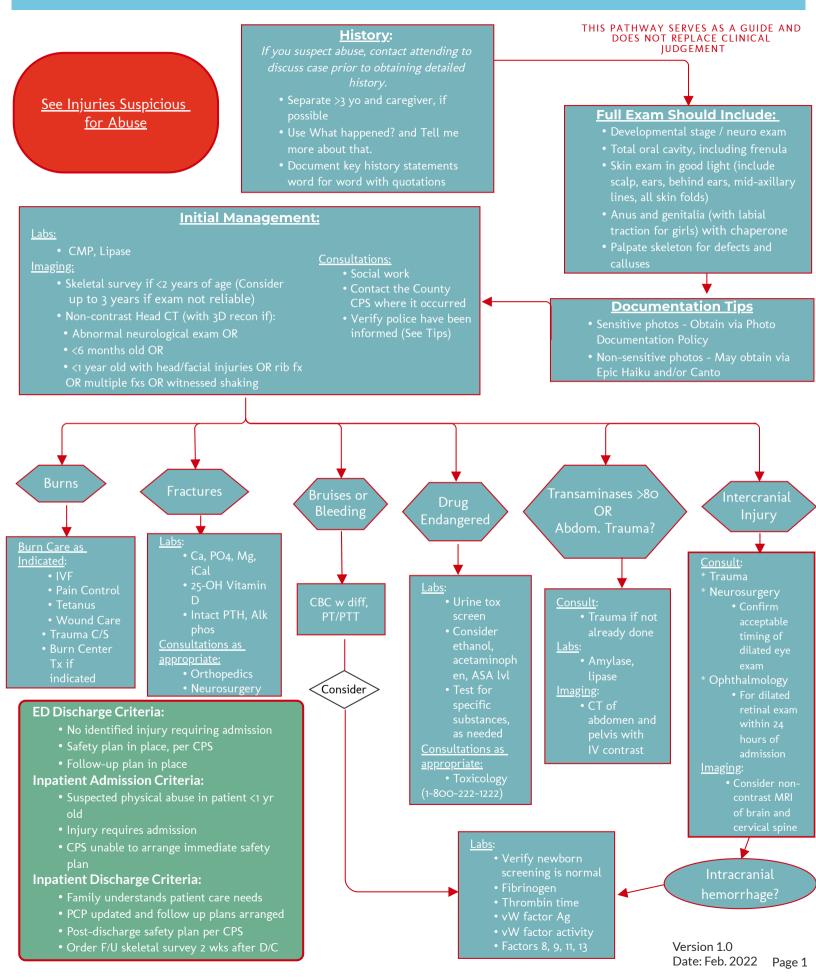
Suspected Physical Abuse Pathway



Injuries Suspicious for Abuse

	Injuries with moderate or high Injuries with low specificity for		
Exam	specificity for abuse	abuse	
Skeleton	 Fractures with high specificity for abuse especially in infants: Metaphyseal Rib Scapular Spinous process Sternum Fractures with moderate specificity for abuse: Multiple (especially bilateral) Different ages Epiphyseal separations Vertebral body fractures and subluxations Digital fractures Complex skull fractures Extremity fracture in infants < 12 mo (excluding exceptions to right). 	Long bone shaft fractures in children > 12 m.o Specific long bone shaft fractures in ambulating infants > 9 m.o. • Distal buckle fracture of radius/ulna • Distal buckle fracture of tibia/fibula • Toddler's fracture Clavicular fractures in: • Newborns • Ambulatory Medicine Subperiosteal new bone formation	
Head	Subdural hematoma with or without skull fracture Unexplained intracranial injury Subgaleal hematoma due to hair pulling Note: Infants with intracranial injury frequently have no or non- specific symptoms	Isolated linear skull fracture with plausible mechanism in well- appearing infant > 6 months	
Eye	Retinal hemorrhage Subconjunctival hemorrhage in infants (not birth injury)		
Facial Injury	Unexplained torn frenulum in non-ambulatory child Unexplained oral injury Unexplained ear injury Unexplained facial bruising in non-ambulatory child		
Bruising	Bruises in infants < 6 months of age or non-ambulatory infants Bruising in unusual locations in any age child TEN-4 Bruising Clinical Decision Rule: If below criteria are met, have a clinical concern for abuse Bruising present in TEN region (torso, ears, neck) < 4 years of age or Bruising present in any region < 4 months of age And No confirmed accident in a public setting that accounts for bruising in TEN region Patterned bruises Loop marks Handprint Imprint of an object		
Bite Marks	Semi-circular/oval patch May have associated bruising Concern for adult bite		
Burns	Patterned contact burns with insufficient mechanism Cigarette burn Stocking, glove pattern Mirror image burns of the extremities Symmetric burns on buttocks Immersion burn Multiple burn sites		

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