

INDICATORS OF POTENTIAL PEDIATRIC MALTREATMENT

Children who present with the injuries below should be further assessed for risk indicators and suspicious behaviors as a screen for potential child maltreatment.

Injuries (Especially in children 36 months or younger)		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Head Trauma Subdural Epidural Subarachnoid Skull fracture Cerebral edema Retinal hemorrhages <input type="checkbox"/> Bruises Unexplained or unusual patterns 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Fractures/Dislocations Humerus Femur Radius Ulna Tibia Fibula Rib Clavicle <input type="checkbox"/> Burns Inflicted patterns verses Accidental 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Wounds Gun Shot Stab Bites Laceration Unusual Blunt abdominal trauma Genital/anal trauma <input type="checkbox"/> Poison ingestion

Risk Indicators	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> History of pre-maturity (<36 weeks) <input type="checkbox"/> History of developmental delay <input type="checkbox"/> History of chronic illness <input type="checkbox"/> Obvious parental drug or alcohol use <input type="checkbox"/> Unstable social environment <input type="checkbox"/> Abuse of a parent (past-present-current) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Parent feels unsafe at home <input type="checkbox"/> Young parent (<20) <input type="checkbox"/> Prior history of trauma (in child) <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to immunize <input type="checkbox"/> History or presence of domestic violence <input type="checkbox"/> Previous history of DCFS involvement

Suspicious Behaviors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> History inconsistent with physical findings <input type="checkbox"/> History changes <input type="checkbox"/> History not plausible for age and development of child <input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate parental response to child's injury <input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate reaction of the child to the parent/caregivers <input type="checkbox"/> Delay in seeking medical care <input type="checkbox"/> Child discloses information of maltreatment

Referrals to be made according to ED/Hospital Policy