

Inclusion Criteria

1. All children presenting to Nicklaus Children's

2. Vulnerable adults presenting to Nicklaus

Health System

Children's Health System

# The Detection and Reporting of Physical/Sexual Abuse in Children

Patients presenting with signs, symptoms or report of injury

Careful and Complete History and

PE with attention to the social

history and circumstances

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#### Pathway Goals

- Establish best practices regarding report abuse and neglect

  2. Establish a pattern of 100% compliance with Florida statute regarding the reporting of child abuse
- 3. Avoid unnecessary or inappropriate reporting of abuse

#### **Quality Metrics**

- Compliance rate with Florida regulations regarding the reporting of child abuse and neglect
   Identification, evaluation and reporting of cases of undertified or unreported child abuse or neglect

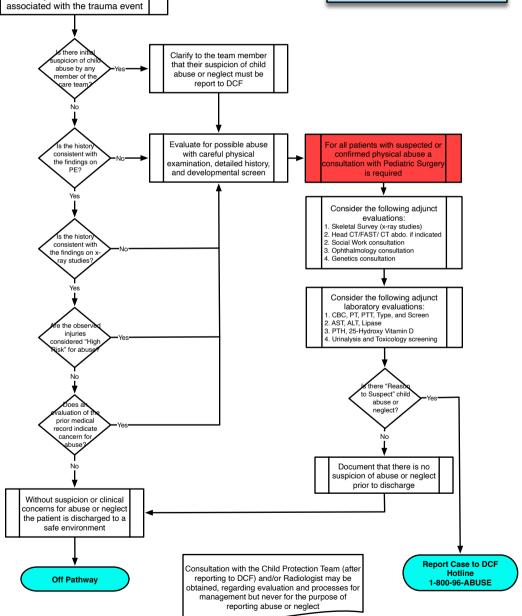
## **Exclusion Criteria**

No child is excluded from medical and social support and evaluation, regardless of age, race, social status, religion, or physical

### **High Risk Conditions** For Possible Child Abuse/Nealect

- 1. Patterned Bruising
- Bruising in non-ambulatory infants
- 3. Bruising to the head, neck, face, abdomen, buttocks
- Multiple bruises Patterned burns
- 6. Burns consistent with water immersion
- Multiple burns or different ages
- 8. Failure to thrive without chronic disease and any injury Head trauma in children less than 6 months of age
- 10. Intracranial bleeding after minor head trauma
- 11. Subdural bleeding without medical or known traumatic
- Multiple fractures not consistent with history provided
   Multiple fractures of different ages/stages of healing
- 14. Metaphyseal fractures
- 15. Rib fractures without history of major injury 16. Scapular fracture
- Spinous process fracture
- 18. Sternal fracture without history of significant injury
- 19. Epiphyseal separations
- Vertebral body fractures and subluxations
   Digital fractures in infants and young children
- 22. Complex skull fracture
- 23. Femur or Humerus fracture in non-ambulatory infant Spiral fracture of the femur without consistent history
- 25. Retinal Hemorrhage (may be normal in the newborn)
- 26. Oral injury in the infant, trenulum Injury
  27. Genital injury without consistent history of trauma

- 28. Pregnancy in young child 29. Sexually Transmitted Infection in children



Consultation with Social Work may be appropriate but not required to report abuse. The Social Worker is not to report the suspicion of other caretakers to any agency

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