Physical Child Abuse Order Set Elements

If your facility cannot perform the below tests or exams, please refer to a facility that is equipped to do so.

Please remember, per NRS 432B.220, as a medical provider, you are a mandated reporter, and if you suspect child abuse and neglect, please report to your local child welfare agency and/or law enforcement.

- Clark County Department of Family Services: 702-399-0081
- Washoe County Human Services Agency: 833-900-7233
- Division of Child and Family Services (Rural Nevada): 833-571-1041
  - If unable to get through to the central line, a report can be made to the direct county:
    - Carson City 775-684-1930
    - Elko 775-753-1300
    - Ely 775-289-1640
    - Fallon 775-423-8566
    - Fernley 775-575-1844
    - Pahrump 775-727-8497
    - Winnemucca 775-623-6555
    - Yerington 775-463-3151

If a patient’s clinical condition precludes performing these studies/examinations immediately, they should be undertaken as soon as medically appropriate.

Laboratory Studies

- CBC with differential, CMP, lipase, urinalysis with microscopic, urine drug screen
  - All children less than 7 years of age;
  - Children 7 years of age or older if clinically indicated

  - If fractures, add:
    - Ca, Mg, phos, alk phos, intact parathyroid hormone level, 25 hydroxyvitamin D

  - If bruising or intracranial hemorrhage, add:
    - vWF antigen and activity, PT and INR, PTT, Factor VIII level, and Factor IX level.
    - If intracranial hemorrhage add d-dimer and Factor XIII level, urine organic acids, and plasma amino acids

- Lab abnormalities should be evaluated in the context of the age of the child, the child’s physiology and specialty consultation should be obtained for questions.

Ophthalmology Exam

- Ophthalmology Exam for all children less than 5 years of age within 24 to 72 hours.
- Ophthalmology Exam for children 5 years of age or older as clinically indicated
**Imaging Studies**

- **All children less than 24 months of age:**
  - skeletal survey 21 view

- **Children aged 2-6 years:**
  - skeletal survey 21 view if neurological impairment, distracting injury, or highly suspicious index fracture

- **Children less than 24 months of age who are asymptomatic but share a home with an abused child:**
  - skeletal survey 21 view

- **Children over 2 years of age who are asymptomatic but share a home with an abused child:**
  - History, physical and imaging studies as indicated

- **Abdominal and pelvic CT with IV contrast (no oral contrast):**
  - any child who is symptomatic;
  - a positive physical exam; or
  - a child that has hematuria with:
    - greater than or equal to 50 RBCs/HPF;
    - AST > 200;
    - ALT > 125, or
    - elevated lipase

- **Head CT without contrast:**
  - Child of any age with signs suggesting intracranial injury
  - All Infants < 6 months of age
    - Some studies recommend MRI of the brain if study can be done and interpreted in a few hours
  - Infants 6-12 months with external head injuries OR skull fracture OR skeletal fracture highly suggestive of abuse
  - If technically possible, add a 3D reconstruction
  - In children with abnormal CT scan, a transfer to a more specialized hospital should occur

**Recommended Follow Up as Needed-if patient is not transferred out, please consider these suggestions for follow up:**

- Add repeat skeletal 21 view in 2-3 weeks if any concern on initial X-Rays to check for potential healing fractures.
- Add serum copper and ceruloplasmin for any patients with concerns or features of Menkes Disease (sparsy, kinky hair, calvarial wormian bones, anterior rib flaring, failure to thrive, developmental delay).
- Follow up with hematologist/oncologist as appropriate.
- Follow up with ER with any worsening symptoms.
- Follow up with PCP within 1-2 weeks.