

Child Maltreatment Algorithm

4 years and younger



- Head CT (recommended in all)
- Skeletal Survey
- Labs (CBC, Metabolic Panel with Liver Enzymes, * Lipase)
- Urine Drug Screen
- Social Worker Consult *
- Trauma Service Consult *
- Ophthalmology Consult *

0-6 months

- T** Torso including genitals
- E** Ears
- N** Neck

- Skeletal Survey
- Labs (CBC, Metabolic Panel with Liver Enzymes, * Lipase)
- Urine Drug Screen
- Neuro-Imaging *
- Social Worker Consult *
- Ophthalmology Consult *
- Trauma Service Consult *

6-12 Months

- Labs (CBC, Metabolic Panel with Liver Enzymes, * Lipase)
- Urine Drug Screen
- Skeletal Survey (Extensive Trauma, Developmental Delays, Burns) *
- Neuro-imaging *
- Social Worker Consult *
- Trauma Service Consult *

2-5 years

4 Any bruising in a child less than 4 months of age



- F** Frenulum(bruising from forcing a bottle into a child's mouth)
- A** Angle of the mandible
- C** Cheek
- E** Eyelid
- S** Subconjunctival hemorrhage
- P** Patterned bruising

- Skeletal Survey
- Labs (CBC, Metabolic Panel with Liver Enzymes, * Lipase)
- Urine Drug Screen
- Neuro-Imaging *
- Social Worker Consult *
- Trauma Service Consult *

1-2 years

5 years and older

- Labs (CBC, Metabolic Panel with Liver Enzymes, * Lipase, Urine Drug Screen)
- Neuro-Imaging *
- Social Worker Consult *
- Trauma Service Consult *

* Clinical Indicators

- Labs – Non-Patterned Bruising or ICH: add PT/PTT; Extensive Trauma: add CPK
- Abdominal Imaging – AST or ALT >80 and/or abdominal bruising/tenderness
- Neuro-Imaging – Altered Mental Status, Skull Fracture(s), Bruising Face/Head
- Social Work Consult – Suspected Abuse/Neglect, Ingestions, CPS Involvement
- Trauma Service Consult – Head, Abdomen, and Multi-system Trauma