**CHILD PHYSICAL ABUSE CLINICAL PATHWAY INPATIENT**

**Admitted child with NEW physical abuse concerns:**
- Ocean H&P (see Clinical Assessment)
- Medical care takes priority

**Consult Children’s Trauma Team for Trauma Evaluation. If intubated and not already reviewed by Trauma Team: Consider CT head scan and/or abdominal imaging exam (CAT) (see below).**
- Tell the Trauma Team about the concern. **Medical care takes precedence over Children’s Advocacy team (CAT) workup.**
- Do not accuse or treat these cases any differently than others.
- Children’s Hospital & Medical Center may be reached via Voalte; CAT providers are available via Voalte.
- Consider having the senior staff discuss these cases with the family and not already involved.
- Consult social work if meet criteria.
- Discuss suspected abuse reporting requirements with family.
- Consult Children’s Advocacy Team (CAT), law enforcement, & Child Protective Services (CPS) as appropriate.
- Discuss follow up with family.
- Medical care takes precedence over Children’s Advocacy team (CAT setup).
- Communicate effectively with the trauma team.

**Intracranial hemorrhage:**
- Fracture(s)
- Consider CT head scan for initial exam. **Medical care takes precedence over Children’s Advocacy team (CAT setup).**

**If bleeding disorder is suspected, obtain appropriate labs: (refer to Policy #CAT)***
- Ionized Calcium
- Magnesium
- Phosphorus
- 25 OH Vitamin D
- PTH/Alk Phos
- Ionized Calcium
- Amylase/lipase

**Laboratory Evaluation:**
- Chem 14
- Retinal exam
- 24 hours of admission for abdominal imaging or evaluation for bleeding disorder (on order set)

**Skeletal survey if:**
- Bones estimated to be under 6 months
- Primary CT head scan for intractable headaches
- Based on CT results, consider Brain MRI W/WO 2 days after presentation

**Obtain labs for evaluation of bleeding disorder on order set (in order set):**
- Evaluation content in order set

**Obtain labs for evaluation of bleeding disorder:**
- Amylase/lipase (consider in abdominal bruising)

**Laboratory Evaluation:**
- Chem 14
- Amylase/lipase (consider in abdominal bruising)
- Non-endangered if being admitted

**In discussion with law enforcement and/or social worker, is it:**
- Abdominal bruising)
- Is there intracranial hemorrhage?
- Discriminating injury concerning for abuse?
- What type of injury is presented?

**Consult Children’s Trauma Team for Trauma Evaluation:**
- If intubated and not already reviewed by Trauma Team: Consider CT head scan and/or abdominal imaging exam (CAT) (see below).

**Diagnostic:**
- Discuss imaging recommendations with Neurosurgery.
- Full spine MRI W/WO if criteria met
- Bone MRI W/WO 2-4 days after presentation
- Skeletal survey if 24 months
- Non-endangered if being admitted

**Laboratory Evaluation:**
- Chem 14
- Amylase/lipase (consider in abdominal bruising)

**In discussion with law enforcement and/or social worker:**
- Children’s Advocacy Team (CAT)
- Law enforcement, & Child Protective Services

**Head injury:**
- Abdominal injury and/or bruises
- Bruises, eye or facial injuries, bite marks

**Fracture:**
- LAB AND OR ALT (if)
- Any AST and OR ALT (if)
- Any AST and OR ALT (if)

**Does the patient need evaluation for bleeding disorders?**
- *The trauma team should consider obtaining a CT scan if the patient is intubated.*

**Photograph injuries for peas, pits, or circularly involving retinal exam (order in Policy #CAT)***

**Discussions/consults with Children’s Trauma Team:**
- Consulting CT abdomen
- Consider CT abdomen

**Medical care takes priority over Children’s Advocacy team (CAT setup).**
- Consider Hospitalist consult for medical management.

**Disclaimer:** Pathways are intended as a guide for practitioners and do not indicate an exclusive course of treatment nor serve as a standard of medical care. These pathways should be adapted by medical providers, when indicated, based on their professional judgement and taking into account individual patient and family circumstances.

*Click for criteria information

*Evaluation content in order set

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