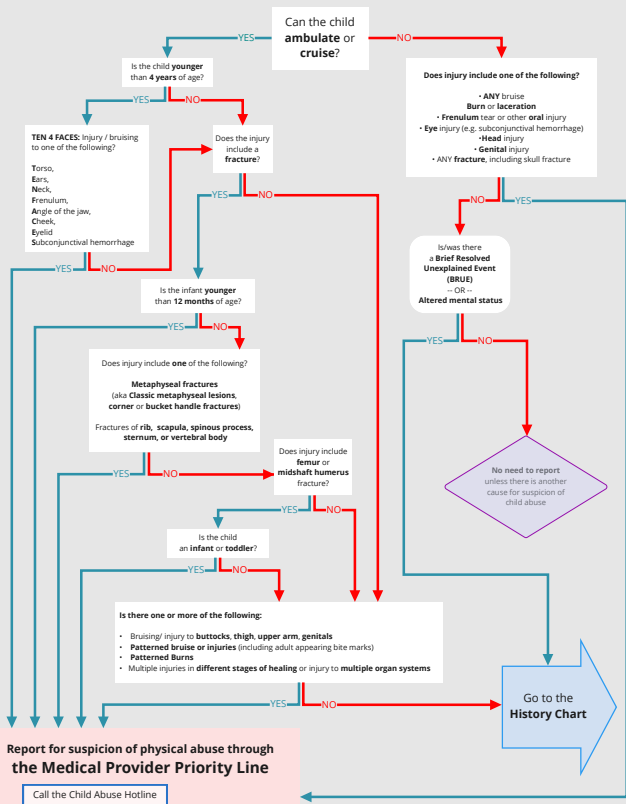


Assessing and Reporting Injuries Concerning for Physical Abuse

A Guide for Medical Providers

Undress any child and conduct full examination



Report for suspicion of physical abuse through the Medical Provider Priority Line

Call the Child Abuse Hotline
1-800-540-4000

Within 10 seconds
Press *3237 (*DCFS)

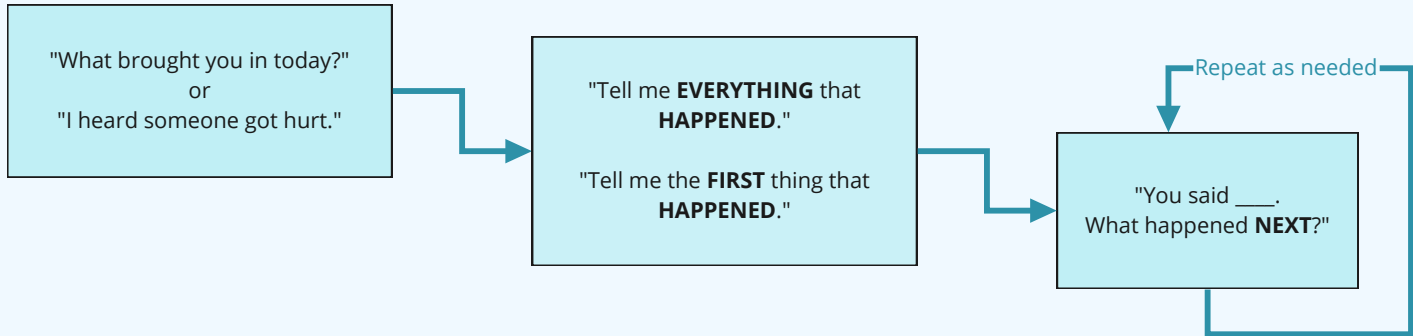
Please Note:

This decision tree is intended to be used to assist in the screening and reporting of injuries concerning for physical abuse. It is **NOT intended for use** in the diagnosis, treatment or management of child abuse.

* The DCFS hotline can also serve as a resource for consultation for questions.



History Chart



AVOID making **suggestions** (e.g. Did someone maybe drop him?).

AVOID **yes/no's** or **multiple choice** options regarding what happened.

AVOID asking about **timing** (If you need a better basic sequence reorient with "Tell me the FIRST thing that happened" as above)

Based on the history provided, consider the following as additional signs concerning possible physical abuse:

Lack of history of trauma based on caregiver or child-generated narrative, not staff suggestion

Mechanism according to history is inconsistent with **development**

Changing / inconsistent histories or overly vague and unwilling/unable to give more details

Trauma blamed on home **resuscitative** efforts

Delay in seeking treatment

History of household falls resulting in fracture

History of low-impact trauma in patients with persistent neurological deficits



Presence of one of the above items should prompt inclusion of child abuse in your differential.