

Survey

Approach to minor injuries in non-ambulatory children

The purpose of this survey is to gain insight into paediatricians' approach to minor injuries (such as intra-oral injuries and bruising) in non-ambulatory children. **Consent to participate is implied by the return of this survey. Please do not include any potentially identifying information in your responses. Your contribution is greatly appreciated.**

Section A

1. Please indicate the number of years you have been in practice: _____
2. Which of the following best describes your practice?
 General paediatrician, specify: Primary care Consulting Both
 Paediatric subspecialist, specify: _____ Other, specify: _____
3. Type of practice (check all that apply): Office or outpatient Hospital emergency department
 Hospital in-patient ward Other (specify): _____
4. Do you have children younger than 9 months old in your current practice (outside of birth admissions)? Yes No

If the answer is "no" to question 4, we thank you for completing this survey.

Section B

1. A **healthy 2-month-old** child presents to your clinic for routine care. On physical examination, you notice a blue-green bruise on the child's lower anterior leg. What do you do? (Check all that apply)
 Document this finding in your medical record
 Examine this child for other skin findings
 Ask the guardian how the injury occurred
 Consider the possibility that this bruise may be a sign of child abuse
 Report the information to a local welfare authority
 Consider the findings non-specific and proceed with routine care
2. A **healthy 2-month-old** child presents to your clinic for routine care. A history is provided of an unexplained episode of mild, intra-oral bleeding last week. What do you do? (Check all that apply)
 Document this finding in your medical record
 Examine this child for other skin findings
 Ask the guardian how the injury occurred
 Consider the possibility that this bruise may be a sign of child abuse
 Report the information to a local welfare authority
 Consider the findings non-specific and proceed with routine care

Section C

1. Do you have access to a team of experts specializing in child abuse and neglect?
2. Do you have any additional training in the area of child abuse and neglect?
3. Are bruises in pre-cruising children likely to be red flags for child abuse?
4. Are intra-oral injuries in pre-cruising children likely to be red flags for child abuse?
5. Are you familiar with the term "sentinel injury"?
6. Would you welcome more training in the diagnosis/recognition of child abuse?
 If yes, type of training: _____

Yes No Don't know

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Section D

In your care of infants less than 9 months of age (over the past 12 months), how many times have you:

- | | 0 | 1-3 | 4-6 | >6 |
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| • Been suspicious that a non-ambulatory patient was suffering from child abuse? | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| • Involved a child welfare authority in the care of a non-ambulatory patient? | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| • Referred a non-ambulatory patient to a team of experts specializing in child abuse/neglect? | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| • Seen a non-ambulatory child with one or more minor bruises? | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| • Seen a non-ambulatory child with a minor injury who later suffered more serious physical abuse? | _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

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