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? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Don’t know
2. Do you have any additional training in the area of child abuse and neglect? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Don’t know
3. Are bruises in pre-cruising children likely to be red flags for child abuse? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Don’t know
4. Are intra-oral injuries in pre-cruising children likely to be red flags for child abuse? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Don’t know
5. Are you familiar with the term “sentinel injury”? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Don’t know
6. Would you welcome more training in the diagnosis/recognition of child abuse? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Don’t know
   If yes, type of training: ____________________

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

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

Please return this survey with your monthly reporting form. Thank you for your participation.
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