



Lap-Belt Syndrome Survey

While proper use of age- and size-appropriate motor vehicle restraints saves lives daily, **lap-belt syndrome** injuries occur in victims of motor vehicle crashes who are wearing either improperly fitted lap belts or three-point restraints (lap/shoulder belts) with the shoulder belt behind the back.

Lap-belt syndrome, an association of abdominal, thoraco-lumbar spine (fractures, dislocations and subluxations), and spinal cord injuries, occurs most frequently in children.



Correct



Incorrect

1. During the past year, have you cared for a child involved in a motor vehicle crash who was wearing a lap belt or a lap/shoulder belt?

No Yes If yes, how many? _____

If yes, did the victim suffer a lap-belt syndrome injury?

No Yes If yes, specify the kind of injuries:

abdominal lumbar spine spinal cord

2. A child with a lap-belt syndrome injury admitted to your institution would receive care from the following specialist(s):

Emergentologist No Yes

Surgeon No Yes

Anesthetist No Yes

Paediatric intensivist No Yes

Paediatrician No Yes

Other, please specify: _____

3. Would a child with this spectrum of injuries remain in your institution?

Yes

No He would be transferred to:

a Paediatric Trauma Centre

other, please specify: _____

Please return this survey with your monthly reporting form.

Thank you for your participation.