

# Evaluating Child Abuse in the Emergency Department

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# OHSU Guidelines

- Evaluation of Pediatric Patients Referred for Possible Non-Accidental Trauma Guideline
  - Category: Pediatric Trauma
  - Revised 2022
  - Effective Date: 12/22/2022
  - All pediatric patients receiving care at OHSU/DCH hospital, ED, clinics

# SCAN Team

- Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect Team
  - Two Child Abuse Pediatricians
    - Thomas Valvano, MD
    - Tam Grigsby, MD
  - Pediatric Nurse Practitioner
    - Noelle Nurre (weekend coverage only)
  - Social Worker
- Coming soon!
  - Amanda Scully, MD joins in July, 2024 as third CAP pediatrician

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**Do not need to order a consult to have a conversation**

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  - High risk for Abusive Head Trauma during infancy

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  - Accidental bruising is rare in young, nonmobile infants
  - Ten-4 FACESp Bruising Clinical Decision Rule
    - Torso, Ears, Neck in children  $\leq 4$  years old
    - Anywhere on infants  $\leq 4$  months old
    - Frenula, Angle of jaw, Cheeks, Eyelids, Subconjunctivae, patterned

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  - UDS now includes fentanyl (but can also order separately)
  - Get as much urine as possible!

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  - SANE and pSANE nurses available to assist with exam and evidence collection

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- Any injury where child abuse is suspected
- DHS report made by referring medical facility

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- Involve SCAN early:
  - Recommendations regarding lab tests and imaging studies
  - Decisions regarding mandatory reporting