

Academic Half Day Cases – Inadequately Explained Injury

Clinical Presentations: Inadequately Explained Injury (Child Abuse)

1. This 2 year old child was brought in by her mother to see you because she has noticed a lot of bruising on the child since picking her up from daycare this afternoon. When the mother asked the daycare what happened they couldn't explain how she got the bruises.
2. This 5 week old's mother brought him in because she noticed his right leg was swollen yesterday and it is not getting better. He seems to be in a lot of pain. An x-ray shows a fracture of the right femur. The mother is not sure how it happened but she has a 3 year old as well and thinks maybe he did something to the baby.
3. This 14 month old was brought in to the emergency department after sustaining a burn to her face and chest. Her mother says she spilt hot tea on her.
4. This 5 year old told her aunt that her mother's boyfriend put his pee pee inside her a few weeks ago. The aunt isn't sure whether to believe her and brings her to your clinic. You think her hymen looks normal on physical exam.

Case Previews: (You will get to see the photographs at AHD)

For each case

- Consider whether or not this is an inflicted injury.
- Do you need more history or more detail on physical exam?
- Do you want to order any investigations?
- What is your differential diagnosis?
- Decide if you need to call CFS on each case.