Emergency Department

Suspected Child Abuse		
Sources	No BCH EBG; CHOP clinical pathway	
Presentation	Skeletal injuries • Long bones: epiphyseal/metaphyseal fracture seen as "bucket handle" or "corner fracture" at the end of long bones, spiral fractures • Ribs: posterior nondisplaced rib fractures due to squeezing of the rib cage (may not be visible on plain film until callus formation) • Skull: fractures >3mm wide, complex fractures, bilateral fractures, non-parietal fractures. These suggest forces greater than those sustained from minor household trauma Bruises • Unusual/protected areas (chest, abdomen, back, buttocks) • Patterned • Multiple bruises or bruises in different stages of healing, do not fit the history and developmental stage Burns • Multiple burn sites • Well-demarcated edges • Stocking/glove distributions • Absence of splash marks • Symmetrically burned buttocks or lower legs Head trauma • Subdural hematomas • Retinal hemorrhages • Skull fractures (see above)	
Workup	Consult CPT, Social Work Skeletal survey (<2yo) Noncontrast head CT: good for intracranial hemorrhage and skull fractures Brain MRI: If asymptomatic Dilated indirect ophthalmoscopy exam for retinal hemorrhages Bone health labs (if fractures): Ca, Mg, Phos, Alk Phos, intact PTH, 25 Hydroxyvitamin D Bleeding disorders labs (if bruising/bleeds): PT/PTT,consider vWF, Factor VIII, IX	

Syncope	
Differential	Common conditions Vasovagal Breath holding spells Orthostatic hypotension Toxic exposure Life-threatening Arrhythmias: ventricular arrhythmias, long QT syndrome (LQTS), Brugada syndrome, catecholaminergic polymorphic ventricular tachycardia (CPVT), congenital short QT syndrome, pre-excitation syndromes such as WPW (which can lead to SVT with a rapid ventricular response) Structural: hypertrophic cardiomyopathy, severe aortic stenosis, coronary artery anomalies, arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy (ARVC), dilated cardiomyopathy Acute myocarditis Pulmonary hypertension Vasovagal (neurocardiogenic) Heat illness Anaphylaxis Other: hypoglycemia, SVT, bradycardia, POTS
Workup	History and physical exam Precipitating factors: exercise, acute arousal, postural change, pain or emotion for Description of event Past medical history Family history of early cardiac death (<50 years), arrhythmias, cardiomyopathy, sudden drownings or unexplained car accidents Exam: orthostatic vitals