**CHILD PHYSICAL ABUSE PATHWAY**

**ED INITIAL WORKUP**

1. **Authority involvement** - NOD indicated - manage off pathway
2. **Child presents with injury**
   - Obtain H&P
   - Clinical Assessment
   - Medical care

3. **Trauma Team Activation if criteria met**
   - Is there concern for abuse or an injury inconsistent with history?
   - Consult Children's Trauma Team, consider Children's Advocacy Team consult
   - Obtain labs for evaluation of bleeding disorders
   - Obtain head CT scan for acute/unstable patients
   - Consider fracture(s)
   - Consult Neurosurgery
   - Consult with Children's Trauma Team
   - Consider CT abdomen/pelvis
   - Consider H&P (see ChildrensOmaha.org/Pathways for criteria information)
   - Reminders:
     - Do not accuse or treat these patients any differently than others
     - Consider having the senior staff (APP or attending) or senior resident as primary providers for these cases
     - An on call social worker at Children’s Hospital & Medical Center may be reached via Voalte.
     - CAT providers are available via Voalte.

4. **History of injury**
   - Is there concern for abuse or an injury inconsistent with history?
   - Consult Children’s Trauma Team, consider Children’s Advocacy Team consult
   - Document workup, background/child abuse index, or injury complexity
   - Discuss suspected abuse reporting requirements with family
   - Consider per the criteria

5. **Laboratory Evaluation**
   - **Amylase/lipase**
   - **Chem 14**
   - **PTH/Alk Phos**
   - **25 OH Vitamin D**
   - **Magnesium**
   - **Phosphorus**
   - **Calcium**
   - **Alkaline Phosphatase**
   - **Total Bilirubin**
   - **LFTs**
   - **Urine Pregnancy Test**
   - **BCT B (consider in abdominal bruising)**
   - **BCT A (consider in acute/unstable admission)**
   - **BCT C (consider in acute/unstable admission)**
   - **CT abdomen/pelvis as indicated**
   - **Rapid MRI**
   - **BCT D (consider in acute/unstable admission)**

6. **Admission of patient**
   - Admit patient once evaluation complete and level of care determined
   - Orthopedic consult will occur within 24 hours of admission
   - Consult Child Advocacy Team and social work
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7. **Follow-up instructions**
   - Discuss follow-up instructions with caregiver(s) & discharge patient.

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