Child present with physical abuse concerns:
- If child is not stable, refer to the Emergency Department
- Obtain H&P (see Clinical Assessment)

Is there concern for abuse or an injury not consistent with history?
- Yes: Contact social work, law enforcement & Child Protective Services (CPS)
  - Social work can assist with contacting law enforcement and CPS report
  - Discuss suspected abuse reporting requirements with family
- No: Continue to care & follow-up as needed

Is the patient medically unstable and/or <2 years of age?
- Yes: Refer to Emergency Department
  - *Do not have to wait for law enforcement to arrive
- No:
  - Does patient have a head injury?
    - Yes: In discussion with law enforcement and/or social worker, is it safe to discharge patient?
    - No: Discuss disposition options with law enforcement, social work, and CAT as needed
  - Does patient have abdominal injury?
    - Yes: Follow up instructions with caregiver(s)
      - Follow-up appointment with PCP
    - No: Photograph injuries for burns, bites, or as clinically indicated (refer to Policy #CAT-003)

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