

Pre-Hospital Recognition of

CHILD MALTREATMENT

in the Central Texas RAC Region.

Document *all history* and *injuries* thoroughly.

Consider transporting to McLane Children's or another pediatric trauma center.

CPS referral if any indicators below are identified. Communicate with receiving facility staff.

Consider child and provider safety during assessment and treatment.

CDC definition of child abuse and neglect: any act or series of acts of commission or omission by a parent or other caregiver that results in harm, potential harm, or threat of harm to a



Developmental Milestones

2 months – improving head control.
4 months – starting to roll.
6 months – sitting with(out) help
9 months – crawling, standing
12 months and beyond – Walking, running, & climbing

History Red Flags:

- Changing/inconsistent story
- Injury mechanism inconsistent with the developmental age of the child
- Caregiver appears under the influence of ETOH or drugs or appears to be incapable of adequately caring for the child
- No history of injury/unwitnessed in younger child

Physical Exam & Evaluation Red Flags:

- Submersion or Suspected Asphyxiation event
- Untreated obvious fracture(s)
- Extensive or patterned bruising
- Any burn on a child < 3 years old
- Unexplained burns to a child < 3 years old
- Child present or injuries sustained during family violence
- Any other reason or suspicion for maltreatment