

## HD 497 Lecture 6 – Physical Abuse

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HD 300 Child Abuse & Neglect

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Unit 6

Physical Abuse

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For this unit, we are going to discuss physical abuse of a child.

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Definition of Physical Abuse

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- Injury that is non-accidentally inflicted by a person more powerful than the child
- Consists of willful acts resulting in physical injury

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Defining physical abuse, it is defined as an injury that is non-accidentally inflicted by a person more powerful than child. It consists of willful acts resulting in physical injury.

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Overview

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- Physical abuse is the “classic” example of child abuse.
- Physical abuse is generally accepted as a clear form of maltreatment.
- Physical abuse is the most visible form of maltreatment.

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An overview of physical abuse shows that this is the classic example of child abuse. When we talk about physical abuse, this is what most people think of as child abuse - the child being battered. Physical abuse is generally accepted as a clear form of maltreatment. Some of the other types of abuse that we will be talking about are a little fuzzier when it comes to defining them and recognizing them as abuse. Physical abuse is the most visible form of maltreatment.

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## Physical Abuse Continuum

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- Level of Severity
  - No Abuse
  - Corporal Punishment
  - Physical Abuse
  - Catastrophic Abuse
  - Homicide

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If we just look at a physical abuse continuum ranging from no abuse, corporal punishment of the child, to physical abuse that is recognized as abusiveness, to catastrophic abuse and we are going to be discussing that more in depth and it can range to homicide. So, physical abuse can range then from a child who is not being abused at all to a child who is killed by the abuser.

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#### Types of Physical Abuse

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- Spanking/Slapping/Whipping
- Beating
- Twisting (arms, legs, ears, nose, etc.)
- Choking or smothering
- Burning
- Throwing child

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So, some of the types of physical abuse are spanking, slapping and whipping the child; beating the child, twisting arms, legs, ears or nose; and life threatening abuse that might consist of choking or smothering the child; burning the child; throwing the child or you could even include stabbing or shooting the child.

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#### Types of Physical Abuse

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- Biting
- Hair pulling
- Pinching
- Cutting, stabbing, shooting
- Physically confining the child
- Shaking

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Other types of physical abuse include biting, hair pulling. Hair pulling has some real implications for the child, that is, it can pull hair right off the scalp and it doesn't grow back again and that is referred to as traumatic alopecia. Pinching the child, cutting, stabbing, or shooting; physically confining the child and shaking the child and we are going to discuss Shaken Baby Syndrome in a moment. It also causes injuries. Hair pulling, if you go back and look at that again, can also cause whiplash injury, can cause bruising of the scalp. It can cause bleeding and trauma to the scalp as well.

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Catastrophic Abuse

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- Catastrophic Child Maltreatment (CCM)
  - Consists of purposeful acts inflicted on a child that are of the most severe nature.
  - These acts are so abhorrent that no one would argue that they are within the realm of permissible behaviors.
  - These acts are so brutal that there is a high probability that they will have long-lasting permanent negative effects on the child.

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Catastrophic abuse also referred to as Catastrophic Maltreatment or CCM. A group of experts met several years ago to define and discuss research on catastrophic abuse and to try and put forth legislation that might help these children, but catastrophic abuse consist of purposeful acts inflicted on a child that are of the most severe nature and they are so abhorrent that no one would argue that they are within the realm of permissible behaviors and they are so brutal that there is a high probability that they will have permanent negative effects on the child.

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Categories of CCM

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- Attempted murder
- Torture
- Mutilation
- Violent rape
- Enforced prostitution
- Denying necessities required for minimal development (profound neglect)

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So, categories of CCM include attempted murder of the child, torture of the child. If you go back and look at the book list that I have provided for you and read Dave Pelzer's book *A Child Called It*, that is a good example of child torture. Mutilation of the child, violent rape. Just as an