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Child Abuse & Neglect

Unit 7

Response of Medical Community



Background Information

- # 15% of children brought in for treatment have been treated previously for similar injuries
- # 77% of those receiving treatment are under the age of 15 months

Role of the Physician

- # Only needs to have “reason to suspect” that abuse has taken place in order to report
- # If abuse is suspected or confirmed, the physician can order “protective custody” for 72 hours