



Child Abuse and Neglect Scenarios

Student Workbook



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Physical Abuse

Scenario #2

You are working as a registered nurse in triage at the emergency department and receive a call that a six-year-old male is coming in by private vehicle with a possible broken arm. Upon arrival, the child's father tells you that their family dog accidentally knocked his son over and that he fears he may have broken his arm. Upon assessment, you noticed an open fracture of the patient's ulna and faded bruising to the child's torso, face, and arms. The ulnar fracture appears to have been "snapped," as if someone took the boy's arm and intentionally tried to break it. The injuries do not seem consistent with the story the patient's father tells you.

What are the warning signs for this scenario?

How would you report this suspected abuse?

What are some preventative measures that can be taken?

Physical Abuse

Scenario #2 Written Activity

Research and write a document that you could add to an employee training manual. This document will outline how to effectively manage children who may become violent or abusive towards the staff, without using violence in return.

Child Sexual Abuse

Scenario #1

You are working as a school nurse at an elementary school. You receive a call from a teacher who says he is sending a student named Brittany to your office. He says Brittany is unusually quiet today, complaining of pain in her stomach and saying she needs to vomit. You meet Brittany in the hallway and escort her to your office.

Just then, Brittany starts vomiting into a trashcan you handed her, and you notice what appears to be dried blood on the back of her pants, near her buttocks. You ask Brittany if she has started her menstrual cycle, and she says she has never had one before. Brittany looks sheepishly to the ground and tells you that her stomach and bottom hurt, and she wants her mom to pick her up.

What are the warning signs for this scenario?

How would you report this suspected abuse?

What are some preventative measures that can be taken?

Child Sexual Abuse

Scenario #1 Written Activity

Research the warning signs and risk factors for child sexual abuse and create an in-service training outline for the staff. Detail what those signs and risk factors are and how they can report the suspected sexual abuse of a student or patient.