

# Child Abuse Response Team (CART) Evaluation Guideline in Pediatric Burn Patients

**Patient presents to UNM PED with a burn**

**Burn Care as appropriate\*\***

**Decisions regarding admission include need for CART consult**

- Goals:**
- CART notification of all patients < 2 years of age presenting to PED with a burn
  - Notify CYFD and LE appropriately\*

**Suspicion of Abuse**

Apparent immersion pattern (especially with simultaneous burns on buttocks, genitals, and feet, or stocking/glove distribution)

Patterned contact burns

Other injuries concerning for abusive trauma or neglect

**High Suspicion**

**Low Suspicion**

**Age < 2**

Call CART  
Pager: 951-2509 or on-call attending per amion

Report to CYFD/LE\*

Skeletal Survey  
Head CT w/o contrast if indicated or < 6 months

Fill out Child Abuse reporting AdHoc

**Age ≥2**

Call CART  
Pager: 951-2509 or on-call attending per amion

Report to CYFD/LE\*

Fill out Child Abuse reporting AdHoc

**Age < 2**

Call CART  
Pager: 951-2509 during business hours or leave message at non-urgent consult line 5-4495

No report to CYFD/LE\* unless there is evidence of abuse/neglect

**Age ≥2**

No CART referral, CYFD/LE\* report unless otherwise indicated

**\*Contact Numbers**

CYFD = Children, Youth, and Families Department  
Statewide Central Intake: 1-855-333-SAFE (7233)

LE = Law Enforcement  
Dependent on location of alleged abuse  
FBI/Tribal Services on tribal land  
Albuquerque Police Department: 1-505-242-COPS (2677)  
Bernalillo County Sheriff's Department: 1-505-867-2304

**\*\*Burn Care**

All providers should collaborate to avoid unnecessary dressing takedown and discomfort of patients. Inform CART immediately and directly of the anticipated time, date, and location of sedated burn care to facilitate physical examination and photo documentation.