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

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

Patient presents to UNM PED with a burn

Burn Care as appropriate**

Decisions regarding admission include need for CART consult

**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**

- 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

**Low Suspicion**

- 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.