

# Pediatric Abusive Head Trauma

## Quiz Questions

### Section 1

**True or false:** "Abusive Head Trauma" is the preferred term for medical documentation of the injuries associated with "shaken baby syndrome."

**True or false:** Abusive head trauma is the second most common cause of death from brain injury in children less than one year of age.

### Section 2

**True or false:** It is unusual for a child with abusive head trauma to have had inflicted injury in the past.

**Which of the following is NOT an anatomical difference in the infant head that makes it more vulnerable to injury from abusive head trauma?**

- A. More space between the outside of the brain and the inside of the skull
- B. Less scalp tissue to cushion the head against impact
- C. Higher water content of the infant brain
- D. Larger head-to-body ratio compared to an adult
- E. Relatively weak neck muscles compared to an adult

### Section 3

**True or false:** Birth trauma can result in some of the same findings seen in abusive head trauma.

**True or false:** The act of shaking leading to Shaken Baby Syndrome is so violent that individuals observing it would recognize it as dangerous and likely to kill the child.

### Section 4

**Which of the following is the mechanism for posterior rib fractures in maltreated infants?**

- A. A direct impact to the back
- B. Violent squeezing of the rib cage
- C. Normal vaginal delivery
- D. All of the above

**True or false:** Most children who present with abusive head trauma will have obvious external evidence of trauma to the head.

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### **Section 5**

**True or false:** Presence of bruising to the torso, ears, or neck in a child 4 years of age or younger is definitive evidence of child abuse.

**True or false:** Toddlers who have begun to cruise and take independent steps commonly have bruising to the forehead, knees, or shins.

### **Section 6**

**True or false:** Toilet training accidents are the most common trigger for abusive head trauma.

**True or false:** The unrealistic expectations of young children is a common characteristic among perpetrators of child physical abuse.

### **Section 7**

**Which of the following is NOT a risk factor for abuse among children?**

- A. Colic
- B. Developmental delay
- C. Special medical needs
- D. First born
- E. Physical disability

**True or false:** Men are the most common perpetrators of child physical abuse.

### **Section 8**

**True or false:** If taught proper soothing techniques, any parent or caregiver should be able to calm a crying infant.

**True or false:** Caregivers should never leave a baby to cry unattended in his or her crib.