Important differential diagnoses of child physical abuse

Condition	Clinical Clues	Work-Up
Hemophilias	Family history	For cutaneous bruising
_	"hemophilia" "bleeding disease"	PT, INR, PTT
	bleeding or oozing post surgery or	Von Willebrand's Panel
	dental procedure	
	long, heavy menses	For serious internal bleeding
	hemarthralgia	PT, INR, PTT
	_	Thrombin Time
	Child's history	Fibrinogen
	umbilical bleeding	Factor XIII
	circumcision bleeding	
	"easy bruising"	If coagulopathy detected
	bleeding gums from dental hygiene	Factor VIII, IX
		Fibrin degradation products
	Exam	PIVKA
	many or more severe bruising in	Hematology Consult
	common areas (shins, forehead,	
	forearms)	
Other	Preceding viral illness	Platelet aggregation studies
Coagulopathy	Aspirin or NSAID use	PFA-100
Osteogenesis	Family History	Skeletal X-ray survey
Imperfecta	"brittle bone disease"	demineralized bones
	ask for a parental history fracture	thin cortices
	by fracture	bowed long bones
	dental fragility, implants, dentures	beaded ribs
	early hearing loss	wormian bones of the skull
	blue sclerae in infancy	
	atypical short stature for family	Lab tests
		synthesized collagen digest
	Child's history	electropheresis from skin
	birth fractures	biopsy sample.
	fracture by fracture history	
	easy bruising	gene sequencing
	infant head deformity	
	blue sclerae in infancy	
	short stature	
	dental abnormality	
	Exam	
	blue sclerae	
	head shape dental condition	
	bowed extremities	
	short stature	

Other Bone	Rickets	If suspicious
Fragility	dietary history of child	P, Ca, PTH, 25 OH vitamin
	vitamin supplementation	D, 1-25 OH vitamin D
	Osteopenia of prematurity premature birth	Urinalysis for pH
	TPN steroids	Urine Ca, P
	furosemide use	Nephrology or
	bonchopulmonary dysplacia	Endocrinology consult
	Renal disease family history of renal disease kidney stones nephrotoxic drugs	