

What Do I Know: Identifying Child Abuse and Neglect

1. A two and a half year old has a bruise on the forehead, centered between the eyes. Her mother says she was running and tripped and stumbled into a door jam. This injury was likely to have been inflicted by abuse.

True or False

2. A three year old has stocking burns on both his feet, with well demarcated lines around the ankles. Her father says the child was standing in the tub and turned on the hot water. This injury was likely to have been inflicted by abuse.

True or False

3. A three month old infant is brought to the hospital in a semi-coma. The aunt says she has no idea what's wrong – the baby was OK until yesterday. There are no bruises. X-ray reveals subdural hematoma, or a blood clot on the brain. This injury was likely to have been inflicted by abuse.

True or False

4. A seven year old takes his four year old brother out back and makes him pull his pants down. This is a sign of sexual abuse.

True or False

5. A 2nd grade child is fearful and anxious about going home, and tells the teacher she would rather stay at school. This is an indicator of abuse.

True or False

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6. A child's parents use traditional healers for his/her health care needs. This is medical neglect.

True or False

7. A child is not immunized. This is medical neglect.

True or False

8. A family's strengths can offset the risk of abuse.

True or False

9. A child is neglected when he/she is cared for by multiple caregivers.

True or False

10. A child who is developmentally challenged and acts out is more likely to be abused than a compliant child.

True or False

