

Intentional burn injuries vs. Non-intentional burn injuries

Intentional burn injuries: Between 15-20% of burns sustained by children are due to child abuse. Children that are burn victims are evaluated for abuse. Different imaging techniques and assessment methods are used to determine if abuse occurred. Families are screened for coping abilities also. Child Protective Services will be notified if child abuse is suspected or cannot be ruled out.

Non-intentional burn injuries: The approximately 80% child burn injury patients sustain injury non-intentionally. However, many burn injuries could have been prevented had safety devices and precautions been in place. If the reported mechanism of injury matches the injury, intentional injury may be ruled out.