
Learning Objectives

MedBridge Education
Child Abuse: Detection and Reporting
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Chapter 1: General Definitions, Epidemiology, and Reporting Requirements

1. Identify the approximate number of children maltreated in the United States annually
2. Describe a basic understanding of mandated reporting laws
3. Identify professionals who are typically specified as mandated reporters

Chapter 2: Recognition of Child Physical Abuse

1. Distinguish injuries that are concerning for abuse from those that are commonly accidental
2. Identify different types of physical abuse
3. Discuss the use of scientific evidence in the diagnosis of abuse

Chapter 3: Neglect and Caregiver Fabricated Illness (Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy)

1. Identify the largest single cause of maltreatment
2. Identify the largest single cause of death due to maltreatment
3. Identify common presentations of Caregiver Fabricated Illness

Chapter 4: Recognition of Child Sexual Abuse

1. Define child sexual abuse
2. Identify the typical ways children disclose sexual abuse
3. Discuss why most sexually abused children do not have physical evidence of sexual abuse on their bodies

Chapter 5: Child Abuse Reporting in Pennsylvania

1. Describe child welfare in Pennsylvania
2. Define the components of child abuse, categories of child abuse, and exclusions to child abuse
3. Describe the provisions and responsibilities for reporting suspected child abuse in Pennsylvania