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Topic
Evaluating injuries and bruises when child abuse is suspected

Why these cases are of interest
They were both reported for abuse but had alternative explanations for the injuries.

Case summaries
Three year old with a history of congenital heart disease referred for diffuse bruising. Remarkable in the social history is that the family is already involved with the child protection system. Workup revealed a medical reason for the bruising.

Three month old referred for bilateral abrasions on shins. Remarkable in the social history is that the mother is 17 years old. She gave alternative mechanisms for the injuries that were consistent with the findings.

Learning points
• When considering a differential diagnosis, pattern of injury is important
• Medical causes of easy bruising
• The medical work-up for bruising

Literature for review
