

RADIOGRAPHIC SKELETAL SURVEY FOR SUSPECTED NON-ACCIDENTAL TRAUMA (CHILD ABUSE)

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1. Skull - 2 views (AP, lateral)
2. C-spine - lateral
3. Chest - AP, bilateral oblique view of both ribs, lateral T-spine
4. Abdomen/Pelvis - AP
5. Lumbosacral spine - lateral
6. Arm and leg long bones - 1 view each
7. Hands and feet - 1 view each

Additional coned down images if there is a specific body in part in question (ie, AP and lateral knee if suspected injury)

Note: Whether the study is positive or negative for abusive trauma, appropriate patient positioning and collimation are of utmost importance. Flexed knees and ankles can obscure subtle metaphyseal fractures which can have serious consequences for the patient.

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