### INTRODUCTION
- The hardest job is thinking the unthinkable. A simple, memorable “hip pocket rule” that alerts a clinician in that moment is the clinical decision rule TEN-4.

### INITIAL EVALUATION AND MANAGEMENT BY PRIMARY CARE
- Use TEN-4 for children under 4-years-old: a bruise on the Trunk, Ear, or Neck (TEN) needs evaluation
- OR, on a child under 4-months-old, *any* bruise needs to be evaluated for child abuse.
- In its PICU derivation, TEN-4 had a sensitivity of 97% and a specificity of 84%.

### WHEN TO REFER
- All children identified by TEN-4 need consultation.
- If you think that your patient is an exception, run your reasoning through another clinician.
- Report to DCF and arrange an appropriate medical assessment for occult injury and underlying medical fragility.
- These situations are urgent. Though it is “only a bruise”, it can be an unpredictable, potentially fatal situation.

### HOW TO REFER
- Direct referral to the Baystate Pediatric Emergency Department is sometimes necessary.
- Medical consultation is available from the Baystate Child Abuse Pediatrician. Call the Family Advocacy Center social worker at (413) 794-5070 or page through the Baystate operator (413) 794-0000
- DCF Hotline numbers is (800) 792-5200, or call your local office.

### WHAT TO EXPECT FROM BAYSTATE CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL VISIT
- Baystate team will show your patient’s family respect, abuse or not.
- Children are often admitted to preserve parent-child contact during evaluation.
- Thorough evaluation of both abuse and alternative possibilities.
- When necessary, we will work with DCF and the courts to protect the child’s interests.

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