

TEN-4-FACESp

Bruising Clinical Decision Rule for Children < 4 Years of Age

— TEN —
Torso | Ears | Neck



— FACES —

Frenulum
Angle of Jaw
Cheeks (*fleshy part*)
Eyelids
Subconjunctivae

REGIONS

4 months
and younger



Any bruise,
anywhere

INFANTS

Patterned
bruising



Bruises in specific
patterns like slap,
grab or loop marks

PATTERNS



When is bruising concerning for abuse in children <4 years of age?

If bruising in any of the three components (Regions, Infants, Patterns) is present without a reasonable explanation, strongly consider evaluating for child abuse and/or consulting with an expert in child abuse.

TEN-4-FACESp is not to diagnose abuse but to function as a screening tool to improve the recognition of potentially abused children with bruising who require further evaluation.

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