CHAMP Quarterly Educational Case Review

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Topic: Head trauma

Why this case is of interest: Shows case of significant head trauma but no intracranial bleed. Also shows how excellent efforts on the part of the investigator as well as communication between the investigator, medical provider and attorney from the DA's office influenced the outcome.

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Case summary: A 5-month-old infant presented with head and facial swelling/bruises. There were multiple fractures but no intracranial bleeding. There were also fractures present (clavicle and rib) on the skeletal survey.

Key learning points: Infants may suffer significant trauma but have good recovery. An effective multidisciplinary team is critical in leading to good outcomes.

Summary of literature: There is not a lot of medical literature that specifically addresses the key teaching points because the focus of this case is on how excellent teamwork and communication can produce good outcomes.