



# Catching the signs of child abuse.

Close to 80% of children who die from abuse are less than four years of age, and more children die from child abuse each year than die from cancer. Studies have shown that a significant proportion of abused children's symptoms fail to be recognized by healthcare staff in the emergency rooms at their initial evaluations. Due to an array of physical factors that can be subtle or often hidden, further technology and evaluation protocols need to be developed.

At CRCM, an electronic alert system with a computerized support system is in development. The goal is to have this electronic alert system validated and then rapidly implemented at hospitals to diagnose child abuse earlier and to save lives.

- In the rush of a busy emergency room, the subtle signs of child abuse can be easy to miss, especially in children too young to report it
- This system will notify providers that abuse should be suspected based on the child's previous or current medical history

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