

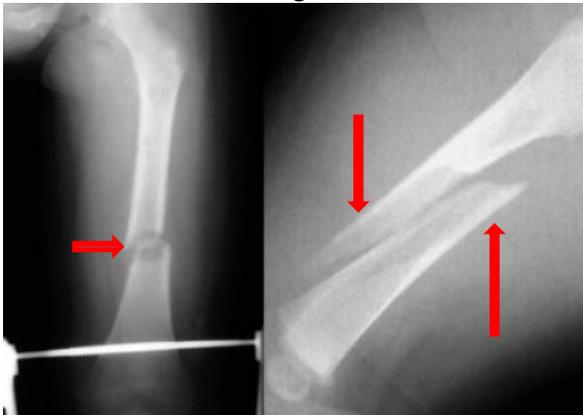
Child Abuse & Neglect Tips

"DID YOU KNOW?"

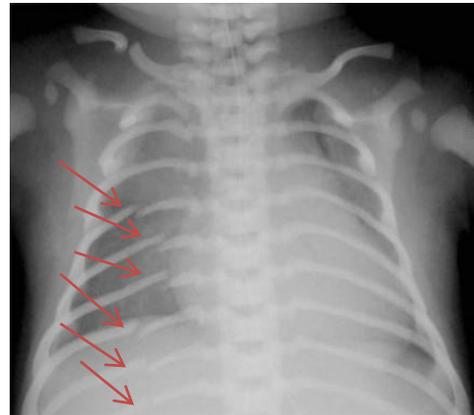
Did you know that pediatric healthcare specialists other than forensic pediatricians are considered "experts" in child abuse?

- **Pediatric Emergency Department (ED or ER) physicians** – are similar to regular ED physicians, except that their training is specialized for babies, children, and teens.
- **Pediatric Intensive Care Physicians** – are pediatric specialists who work in the Pediatric Intensive Care Units (PICU) and care for extremely ill children of any age.
- Both the Peds ED doctor and the PICU doctors have specialized training in caring for babies, children, and teens who are in **critical condition due to illness, infection, metabolic disorders, poisoning, life-threatening breathing problems and birth defects (such as heart disease), as well as accidental and non-accidental trauma.**

Femur fracture (leg bone) in 2 different children:
The one on the left is transverse – straight across.
The one on the right is spiral which is usually due to twisting forces.



Multiple Rib Fractures –
Noted with arrows



Questions to Ask:

- ☑ What types of injuries does this child have?
- ☑ Are there brain injuries? (Bleeding around the brain, bleeding & injury to the brain tissue itself, injury to the spinal cord?)
- ☑ If more than one injury: Could they have all been caused by the same mechanism of injury?
- ☑ Are these injuries most consistent with a single event or multiple events?
- ☑ Are there some injuries that appear older than others?
- ☑ Are these injuries most consistent with an accidental or non-accidental injury?