

Role: Emergency room nurse (RN)

You are caring for a 6-month-old boy whose parent just brought them to the emergency room after fell 3 feet and hit his head. As far as you can tell, the parent is appropriately concerned for their baby and acting lovingly and dutifully towards him. The attending asks you to get the social worker and when the social worker arrives the attending tells the parent how they need to be reported to child protective services. As the parent becomes visibly upset, you try your best to reassure them and intervene between the medical team and the parent.

The exercise starts with the resident and attending coming to tell the parents the result of the CT. Then the attending will ask the parent to repeat the story of how the baby was injured. He will then ask you to call for the ER social worker. The attending will continue to interview the parent while you get the ER social worker. When the social worker joins you, the attending will inform the parent that they need to admit the baby to the PICU and report them to child protective services (CPS). Help the team in explaining to the parent what to expect over the next few days