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Developing Guidance for Recognizing & Responding to Sentinel Injuries Using an Expert Panel

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The Context

- **Sentinel injuries (SI)** are medically mild injuries in infants that can precede severe inflicted injuries.
- There is a **lack of trends or uniformity in the definition, recognition and responses to SI** in the literature.

Practical guidelines will be disseminated to health care providers to increase awareness and understanding of sentinel injuries and how to recognize and respond.

Objectives

To develop consensus based guidelines and a standard approach based on knowledge from health care providers across Canada with clinical expertise in child maltreatment to:

1. recognize a Sentinel Injury
2. respond once a Sentinel Injury is recognized.

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