



MASSACHUSETTS CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

8th Annual Statewide Conference
Healing, Hope and Justice: An Advanced Conversation

When to Make a Mountain Out of a Mole Hill: The Significance of Sentinel Injuries

Presenter: Dr. Sasha Svendsen, MD

This workshop will present the concept and significance of sentinel injuries: minor injuries that may be suspicious for abuse. The workshop will address the learning needs of a multidisciplinary audience that includes medical providers, law enforcement agents, social workers and community partners, and engage all partners in active discussion and Q+A. Participants will learn how to recognize sentinel injuries, identify common concerning patterns of injuries, review the role of medical evaluation when abuse is a concern, and describe a strategy to engage medical providers as a resource in helping to keep children safe.



Presenter Bio: Dr. Sasha Svendsen, MD

Dr. Sasha Svendsen, MD is a board-certified Child Abuse Pediatrician at the University of Massachusetts Memorial Children's Medical Center. Dr. Svendsen attended medical school at Penn State. She completed her residency in pediatric medicine at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center in Worcester and stayed for an additional year as pediatric chief resident. She then went out West to Children's Hospital Colorado and the Kempe Center where she completed her Child Abuse Pediatrics subspecialty fellowship training. She returned to the UMass Children's Medical Center in September 2017 as a board-certified Child Abuse Pediatrician and member of the UMass Medical School faculty.