

April 23rd Resources

Brains and backlash: Medical Diagnosis, Legal Controversies, and Prevention Strategies for Abusive Head Trauma presented by [Vincent J. Palusci, MD, MS, FAAP, FAPSAC](#)

Learning objectives:

Participants will:

1. Learn about the medical diagnosis of abusive head trauma;
2. Review current legal controversies concerning the diagnosis;
3. Discuss potential strategies for prevention.

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