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**METHODS**

- Standardized, objective screening tool developed for use in all trauma patients under fifteen years old
- Screening utilization monitored through pediatric trauma coordinator during pediatric trauma QI meetings
- Established a child protection team
- Generalized screening to all pediatric patients September 2014
- Data evaluated from January 2014-September 2015

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