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### **Child abuse. “Only it is recognized what is known”**

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**Background & Aim:** We are in the most absolute ignorance with regard to knowledge, diagnosis and performance. The Convention on the rights of the Child, UN, Art. 172 of the Civil Code defines the Child Abuse as any action (physical, sexual or emotional), negligent dealing or not accidental omission in the dealing towards a minor by their parents or carers, which causes physical or psychological harm and that threatens it's both physical and psychological development.

**Method:** Based on this concept, we have studied the usual scenes of child abuse, social classes affected by the problem and economic and socio-political situations that aggravate it. Reasons of underdiagnosing and few denunciations. The short and long-term outcome of the child abuse. Women with childhood history of abuse or neglect, Statistics of the consequences. Attitude of the doctor in suspected abuse. Types and forms of abuse: Emotional, Physical Abuse - Beaten child - Shaken Baby - Corporal Punishment Münchhausen syndrome by proxy, Sexual abuse, Neglect and abandonment. Labour exploitation, Begging, Racial discrimination. Educational abuse. Forms of approach to the problem in the public Spanish health system

**Results and Conclusions:** Gandhi said: “Only it is recognized what is known” We hope to be able to convince the listener to keep in mind the possibility of the diagnosis of child abuse to be able to recognize it and act consequently.