

CASE VIGNETTE: JOHN'S EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISIT

One evening while working in the Emergency Department (ED) you care for a 14-year-old boy, John, who sustained a facial laceration while performing tricks on his bike at a parking lot in his town. He was wearing a helmet at the time. He tells you he is angry that he has to wear a helmet but says that his mother insists on it. The nurse attending to John comments that he is the third child this week who has visited the ED with an injury. She believes they all were injured in the same place. This information piques your curiosity. While you are waiting for a consultation on John's injuries, you look up the visit histories on the previous two cases. You discover that they did in fact occur at the same location.