Whole Child Assessment:

Workflow for Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs)
Whole Child Assessment (WCA) Workflow

Patient arrives for well-child visit.
Receptionist checks if electronic WCA completed pre-visit.
If not completed, receptionist hands out paper or electronic version.

Age 0-11
- Receptionist gives WCA to caregiver
- Waiting room
- MA rooms
  - WCA complete: MA gives WCA to Provider
  - WCA incomplete: Parent/patient gives WCA to Provider

Age 12-20
- Receptionist gives WCA to patient
- Waiting room
- MA rooms
  - WCA complete: MA gives WCA to Provider
  - WCA incomplete: Parent/patient gives WCA to Provider

Please fill this out. Some questions are about challenges that you or your (child/family) may have experienced. Because these experiences can affect your (child’s) health, the doctor would like to review your answers and talk with you about what may help.

Please take the time to complete, including the questions about challenges you (or your child) may have experienced. Your answers will help the doctor identify ways to help you and your (child/family) be as healthy as possible.
Workflow for ACEs

**Screening**

- No
  - Usual anticipatory guidance, plus info on resilience
- ≥1 ACEs
  - Start with Safety

**Interval History Concerns**

- No
- ≥1 ACEs

**Diagnosis**

- Yes
  - Follow guidelines for diagnostic workup. Consider ACEs in DDx
  - ≥1 ACEs
    - No
      - Follow guidelines for management
    - Yes
      - Consider referral to Behavioral Health (or co-visit) as part of management
Safety Workflow (age 0-11)

Basic Needs

No → Physical or Sexual Abuse

No → Domestic Violence

No → Go to Substances

Yes → Current

1. Counsel
2. Contact CPS
3. Consider law enforcement

Yes → Past

1. Counsel
2. Add ACEs smart text
3. Consider CPS report if not done previously

1. Counsel: Is there any help you would like today?
2. If yes, add ACEs smart text and highlight resources
3. If concern for child neglect, contact CPS

Domestic Violence

No → Physical or Sexual Abuse

Yes → Counsel: Many children see or experience violence in the home. It is important to know that no one deserves abuse. It is also important to know that there are things you can do to help your child overcome challenging experiences. May I share some additional info?
Substances & Mental Health Workflow (age 0-11)

Caregiver Drugs/Alcohol

No

Caregiver Mental Health

Past Problem
1. Counsel ★
2. Add ACEs smart text and highlight info on resilience

Current Problem
1. Counsel ★
2. Add ACEs smart text, highlight info on resilience and Behavioral Health resources
3. If concern for child safety, contact CPS

Possible Problem (≥4 drinks on ≥1 day/year)
1. Counsel: Has this impacted your relationship with your child? Do you feel you need to cut down or get help?
2. Listen, reflect and support healthy goals

Past
1. Counsel: Mental health problems are common and can affect children. (Affirm self-care)
2. Add ACEs smart text and highlight info with you?

Current (≥1 Depression or Anxiety)
1. Counsel: Taking care of your health is important to taking care of your child’s health
2. If interested, offer Behavioral Health resources

Go to Relationships
Relationships Workflow (age 0-11)

1. Counsel: Parenting is a big job to do on your own. Where can you get help when you need it?
2. Add ACEs smart text, highlight info on resilience and resources for parenting

- Incarceration, Low Family Support, or Divorce/Separation/Single Parent

- Yes

- Hit/spank, Shout/yell, or Child difficult

- No

- Yes

1. Counsel: All parents feel stressed and challenged by their children at different times. What do you do when you are feeling stressed? What helps with managing challenging behavior?
2. Add ACEs smart text, highlight info on resilience and resources for parenting

Review remaining questions
- Remember counseling on lifestyle may help reduce toxic stress from ACEs