

The medical evaluation of child abuse

VFPMS seminar 2017

The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne

Day 1: Wednesday 26th April

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:30–9:00	Welcome and registration	
9:00–9:45	Introduction to Child Abuse and Child Protection. Why do we do what we do?	Dr Anne Smith, VFPMS
9:45–10:30	Consent, confidentiality and the importance of good record keeping. Why do health professionals need to understand Child Protection legislation, criminal law, privacy and medical records law?	Emma Carnovale, RCH General Counsel
10:30–11:00	Morning tea	
11:00–12:00	Investigation of crimes related to children. What must I know about the work of Victoria Police?	D.S. Tony Breen, Victoria Police
12:00–1:00	Investigation of children in need of protection. The role of DHHS Child Protection. Mandatory Reporting – “who, what, why and when”.	Beth Parker, Department of Health and Human Services
1:00–2:00	Lunch	
2:00–2:30	What do I make of the story? (with case examples) Information gathering in a forensic context.	Dr Anne Smith, VFPMS
2:30–3:30	Skin: Can we determine the mechanism and timing of bruises and abrasions on the basis of appearance?	Dr Jo Tully, VFPMS
3:30–4:00	Afternoon tea	
4:00–4:45	Skin: Thermal injury.	Dr Maryanne Lobo, VFPMS
4:45–5:15	Skin conditions confused with child abuse – a quiz!	Dr Maryanne Lobo, VFPMS
5:15–5:25	Questions and closing comments	

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Day 2: Thursday 27th April

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:30–9:00	Welcome and registration	
9:00–9:30	Poisonings and ingestions: Accident or abuse? Toxicology tests: When and why?	A/Prof Morris Odell, VIFM
9:30–9:45	Self-inflicted injury: How to recognise and respond.	A/Prof Morris Odell, VIFM
9:45–10:30	Forensic significance of genital examination findings: An update in a rapidly changing field.	Dr Jo Tully, VFPMS
10:30–11:00	Morning tea	
11:00–11:45	The forensic evaluation of sexually transmitted infections: Guidance for clinicians.	Dr Jo Tully, VFPMS
11:45–12:30	How to collect specimens for forensic analysis (DNA, toxicology and microbiology). Demonstration and practice session.	Dr Bindu Bali, Dr Jo Tully, Colleen Mentis, VFPMS
12:30–1:00	Special presentation – RCH Alumni Award	
1:00–1:45	Lunch	
1:45–2:30	Abusive head trauma: Mechanisms, myths and mysteries.	Dr Jo Tully, VFPMS
2:30–3:00	Abusive head trauma: Radiological investigations.	A/Prof Padma Rao, RCH Radiology
3:00–3:30	Afternoon tea	
3:30–4:00	Fractures: Can we determine the cause and age?	Dr Anne Smith, VFPMS
4:00–4:15	Injury to internal organs: Accident or abuse?	Dr Andrea Smith, VFPMS
4:15–5:00	How to talk with children about sex. How to evaluate sexualised behaviour in children.	Dr Anne Smith, VFPMS
5:00–5:10	Questions and closing comments	

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Day 3: Friday 28th April

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:30–9:00	Welcome and registration	
9:00–9:45	The forensic investigation of child neglect.	Dr Jo Tully, VFPMS
9:45–10:30	The forensic evaluation of emotional abuse of children.	Dr Jo Tully , VFPMS
10:30–11:00	Morning tea	
11:00–11:45	How to write medical reports for Children's Court and the criminal justice system.	Dr Anne Smith, VFPMS
11:45–12:05	Things to avoid when writing reports: Lessons learned from the report-writing exercises (audience participation).	Dr Anne Smith, VFPMS
12:05–12:30	Vicarious trauma and burnout: Taking care of ourselves.	Dr Bindu Bali, VFPMS
12:30–1:30	Lunch	
1:30–2:00	Tips for testifying.	Dr Anne Smith, VFPMS
2:00–2:30	The structure and function of the Australian legal system. Discussion regarding audience members' experiences.	Dr Jo Tully, VFPMS
2:30–3:00	Afternoon tea	
3:00–4:45	Testifying without tears: A practice session to refine courtroom technique (audience participation). Cases will be disseminated and opinions are to be written prior to attending the seminar.	Dr Jo Tully, VFPMS Dr Bindu Bali, VFPMS
4:45–4:55	Group discussion and questions.	A/Prof Morris Odell, VIFM
4:55–5:00	Closing comments	