

# *The medical evaluation of child abuse*

VFPMS seminar 2018

The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne

## Day 1: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
<b>8:30–9:00</b>	<b>Welcome and registration</b>	
9:00–9:30	Introduction to Child Abuse and Child Protection. Why do we do what we do?	Dr Anne Smith, VFPMS
9:30–10:15	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
10:15–10:30	Assessment of capacity to consent	Dr Anne Smith, VFPMS
<b>10:30–11:00</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>	
11:00–12:00	Investigation of crimes related to children. What must I know about the work of Victoria Police?	Snr Sgt Brett Meadows, SOCIT
12:00–12:20	Investigation of children in need of protection. The role of DHHS Child Protection. Mandatory Reporting – “who, what, why and when”.	Anna Sandt, Office of Professional Practice, Department of Health and Human Services
12:20–12:40	Q&A session with DHHS Child Protection	
12:40–1:00	Questions from the audience about DHHS CP practice	
<b>1:00–2:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
2:00–2:30	Information gathering in a forensic context.	Dr Anne Smith, VFPMS
2:30–3:30	Skin: Can we determine the mechanism and timing of bruises?	Dr Jo Tully, VFPMS
<b>3:30–4:00</b>	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
4:00–4:15	Self-inflicted injury: How to recognise and respond.	Dr Jo Tully, VFPMS
4:15–4:30	Injury to internal organs: Accident or abuse?	Dr Anne Smith, VFPMS
4:30–5:00	Poisonings and ingestions: Accident or abuse? Toxicology tests: When and why?	Dr Jo Tully, VFPMS
<b>5:00–5:15</b>	<b>Questions and closing comments</b>	

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## **Day 2: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
9:00–10:00	Thermal injuries	Dr Jo Tully, VFPMS
10:00–10:30	Skin conditions confused with child abuse – a quiz!	Dr Anne Smith, VFPMS
<b>10:30–11:00</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>	
11:00–11:45	Abusive head trauma: Mechanisms, myths and mysteries.	Dr Jo Tully, VFPMS
11:45–12:15	Abusive head trauma: Radiological investigations.	Dr Tim Cain, Medical Imaging
<b>12:15–1:15</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
1:15–1:45	Fractures: Can we determine the cause and age?	Dr Bindu Bali, VFPMS
1:45–2:15	Factitious and Induced illness	Dr Clara Low-Decarie, VFPMS
2:15–3:00	How to talk with children about sex. How to evaluate sexualised behaviour in children.	Dr Andrea Smith, VFPMS
<b>3:00–3:30</b>	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
3:30–4:30	Genital examination when sexual abuse is suspected. When, where, why and how? Normal examination findings. Forensic significance of abnormal genital examination findings: An update in a rapidly changing field.	Dr Kirsten Furley, VFPMS
4:30–5:00	FMEK demonstration	Dr Kirsten Furley, VFPMS
<b>5:00–5:15</b>	<b>Questions and closing comments</b>	

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## **Day 3: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June**

<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
9:00–9:45	The forensic evaluation of sexually transmitted infections: Guidance for clinicians.	Dr Jo Tully, VFPMS
9:45–10:45	The forensic investigation of child neglect <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neurobiological model of child neglect</li><li>• Clinical assessment of neglect</li></ul>	Dr Anne Smith, VFPMS Dr Jo Tully, VFPMS
<b>10:45–11:15</b>	<b>Morning tea</b>	
11:15–12:00	The forensic evaluation of emotional abuse of children.	Dr Jo Tully, VFPMS
12:00–12:30	How to write medicolegal reports	Dr Anne Smith, VFPMS
12:30–1:00	Vicarious trauma and burnout: Taking care of ourselves.	Dr Bindu Bali, VFPMS
<b>1:00–2:00</b>	<b>Lunch</b>	
2:00–2:30	Tips for testifying.	Dr Anne Smith, VFPMS
2:30–3:00	Small group discussion of cases for moot court session	Dr Bindu Bali, Dr Anne Smith, Dr Jo Tully
<b>3:00–3:30</b>	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
3:30–5:00	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.	Judge Amanda Chambers, President, Children's Court of Victoria
<b>5:00–5:15</b>	<b>Closing comments</b>	