

The medical evaluation of suspected child abuse

VFPMS seminar 2019

The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne

Day 1: Wednesday 6th March

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:30–9:00	Welcome and registration	
9:00–9:30	The Medical Evaluation of Suspected Child Abuse. Principles, pitfalls and pearls.	
9:30–10:30	Consent, confidentiality and the importance of good record keeping. Why do health professionals need to understand Child Protection legislation, criminal law, privacy, information sharing & medical records law?	
10:30–11:00	Morning tea	
11:00–11:40	Investigation of crimes related to children.	
11:40–12:00	Q&A session with Victoria Police	
12:00–12:40	Children in need of protection. The role of DHHS Child Protection and Child FIRST. Mandatory Reporting – “who, what, why and when”.	
12:40–1:00	Q&A session with DHHS Child Protection Practitioner	
1:00–13:45	Lunch	
1:45 – 3:00	Skin Injuries: Mechanism, timing and mimickers	
3:00 - 3:10	Self-inflicted injury	
3:10 – 3:30	Internal injuries (including strangulation)	
3:30–4:00	Afternoon tea	
4:00–5:00	Thermal injuries	
5:00 – 5:15	A QUIZ	
5:15	FINISH Day 1.	

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Day 2: Thursday 7th March

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:30–9:00	Welcome and registration	
9:00–10:00	Fractures: Mechanism, age and investigation	
10:00–10:30	OI, Rickets, Ehlers Danlos & other worries	
10:30–11:00	Morning tea	
11:00–12:00	Abusive head trauma: Mechanisms, myths and mysteries.	
12:00–12:30	Abusive head trauma: Radiological investigations.	
12:30–1:15	Lunch	
1:15 – 2:00	How to talk with children about sex. How to evaluate sexualised behaviour in children.	
2:00 – 2:45	STI in children	
2:45 – 3:00	Sample collection / Forensic tests	
3:00–3:30	Afternoon tea	
3:30–4:15	Genital examination when sexual abuse is suspected. When, where, why and how? Normal examination findings.	
4:15–5:00	Forensic significance of abnormal genital examination finding An update in a rapidly changing field.	
5:00–5:15	Questions and closing comments	

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Day 3: Friday 8th March

Time	Topic	Speaker
8:30–9:00	Welcome and registration	
9:00 – 9:30	The neurobiology of child maltreatment	
9:30 – 10:15	The forensic investigation of child neglect	
10:15 – 10:45	The forensic evaluation and sequelae of emotional abuse	
10:45 – 11:00	Family Violence	
11:00–11:20	Morning tea	
11:20–12:00	Factitious and Induced illness / Medical Child Abuse	
12:00–12:20	Poisoning and ingestions / Toxicology	
12:20–12:30	Looking after ourselves	
12:30–1:30	Lunch	
1:30 – 2:00	How to write Medicolegal reports for child subjects	
2:00–2:30	Tips for testifying.	
2:30–3:00	Small group discussion of cases for moot court session	
3:00–3:30	Afternoon tea	
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.	
5:00–5:10	Closing comments and questions	