

Victorian Forensic Paediatric Medical Service

Competencies in Forensic Paediatric Medicine

TABLE 1 - CORE COMPETENCIES

	Core skills	Evaluation
1	Ability to communicate comfortably with children and carers about injury, sexuality, all forms of child abuse and sensitive child protection matters	Demonstrated during clinical supervision, observed by supervisor
2	Apply knowledge of child's development, social and emotional needs to clinical situation	Demonstrated to supervisor's satisfaction
3	Apply knowledge of consent and confidentiality as these relate to children	Pre reading completed, Discussion with supervisor to test knowledge
4	Ability to conduct a comprehensive general examination of children and young people	Observation by clinical supervisor
5	Ability to conduct a comprehensive genital examination using video or DVD colposcopy Competency in genital examination techniques	Peer review of genital examination findings Demonstrated use of labial separation, labial traction, left lat anal and prone knee-chest
6	Apply knowledge of genital anatomy (normal, variants and injuries) to evaluation of examination findings	Discussion at peer review sessions, clinical supervision
7	Apply knowledge of physical injuries (accidental and abusive) to clinical evaluations	Demonstrated to supervisor All medical reports reviewed
8	High standard of documentation of history and examination findings	Demonstrated All reports reviewed
9	Evaluation of history, examination findings and investigations with INTERPRETATION of these factors to formulate an opinion as to the likelihood that child abuse has occurred	Review of medical reports supervision
10	Produce detailed medical reports in 3 domains Physical injury Sexual abuse Neglect / at risk	Review of medical reports
11	Verbal presentation of case and opinion about likely cause of injury	Peer review Supervision Multidisciplinary team
12	Conduct literature review relevant to clinical problem	Demonstrate to supervisor – at least one
13	Collate information from multiple sources to provide recommendations for child's holistic care	Demonstrated by recommendations in reports
14	Contribute effectively as member of multidisciplinary team	Case conference
15	Presentation of evidence using sound reasoning and flawless logic!	Court

Victorian Forensic Paediatric Medical Service

Competencies in Forensic Paediatric Medicine

TABLE 2 - CASE SPECIFIC COMPETENCIES

	Case Specific Skills	Evaluation
1	Order appropriate investigations for evaluation of physical injuries	Reports reviewed
2	Order appropriate investigations for sexually transmitted infections	Supervision / reports
3	Collect forensic samples, maintaining chain of evidence and high standard of documentation	Supervision / reports
4	Prescribe post-coital contraception and STI prophylaxis as required	Supervision / reports
5	Refer as required to other medical / health specialists	Supervision / reports
6	Notify child protection when appropriate, demonstrate knowledge of regional networks and apply judgement in decision making	Supervision / reports Case conference
7	Present evidence to Victoria Police	Case conference Supervision / reports

TABLE 3 - EVOLVING EXPERTISE

	Evolving Expertise	Evaluation
1	Understanding and use of sound logic and reasoning Knowledge of fallacies of logic	Complete ppt Demonstrate in reports
2	Opinion formulation using forensic principles	Complete ppt demonstrate
3	Presentation of evidence in written and verbal reports and in court	demonstrate
4	Provision of expert opinion referenced by critical evaluation and understanding of literature	Demonstrated in at least 1 report
5	Understanding of systems and socio-political context in which medicine is practiced.	Discussion with mentor or supervisor
6.	Awareness of public health / epidemiology of child protection with demonstrated willingness to intervene to promote change (improvement)	Discussion with mentor or supervisor