



Victorian Forensic Paediatric Medical Service

Vulnerable child assessment



The Royal **Children's**
Hospital Melbourne

Patient details

Surname	
Given name(s)	Gender <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female
Date of birth / /	Age in years
Address	Postcode

Mother's name	
Mother resides with child <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Telephone
Father's name	
Father resides with child <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Telephone
Address (if different to above)	Postcode
Guardian (if not parent)	Telephone

Examination

Date / /	Time commenced :	Time concluded :
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Place

Persons present in interview

Persons present in examination

Name of doctor performing assessment

Medico-legal report

Date dictated / /	Date typed / /
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VFPMS assessment consent form

Consent to forensic evaluation is voluntary.

I, _____ hereby consent to

 a complete medical evaluation including physical examination of

 _____ by a medical practitioner.

I am aware that the findings of the medical examination will be documented and a report prepared.

Following such examination or in association with the examination (please tick if consent is given):

- I consent** to collection of medical and medico-legal specimens,
- I consent** to photographic documentation,
- I consent** to investigations as recommended by the examining doctor,
- I consent** to treatment,
- I consent** to release of a medical report to Child Protection and Victoria Police,
- I consent** to the medical practitioner contacting,

_____ in order to obtain additional information about

- I consent** to information associated with the examination being used for quality assurance activities, teaching and audit purposes but only if all identifying data is removed.

Signature of parent/guardian

Name (print)

Relationship to child

Date / /

Time :

OR

Signature of Child Protection practitioner

Name (print)

Under *Children Youth and Families Act 2005* section

Date / /

Time :

Consent may be withdrawn at any time during the assessment.
 Specific consent will be required for additional medical procedures.

Medical history

Antenatal and perinatal history

Consider drugs, alcohol and prescription medications during pregnancy

Medical/surgical/mental health history

e.g. clotting or bleeding disorders, past illnesses, injuries, surgery



Allergies

Medications



Immunisation

e.g. hepatitis B vaccination

Up to date

Genogram and family history of illness/abuse/vulnerability

Developmental history



History of behavioural problems



Details from police or protective worker

Include details of Children’s Court and Family Court orders and status of Child Protection investigation

Name

Region



Details from child or parent/guardian

Name



Details from child or parent/guardian continued



Services and agencies currently involved with the child/care-givers
Include names of responsible individuals



Information from other sources

This might include information from child carers, relatives, kindergarten or school teachers.
Note that SPECIFIC consent must be provided prior to contact. (*Privacy Act*)

Examination findings

Child's appearance, interaction and behaviour

Emotional state, intellect, interactions, clothing, nutrition, effects of alcohol/drugs, cooperation, limitations

Examination findings

Use body charts for diagrams

Ht (%ile) Wt (%ile) HC (%ile)



Developmental assessment

Note tools used



Observational assessment of child-care-giver interaction



Photography

Photography of body Yes No

List sites

By whom?

Date / / Time :

Genital photography Yes No

Medication provided

Hospital microbiology/pathology/radiology

Yes No

List



Follow-up arrangements and referrals



Letter to GP

Yes No

Name and address of GP

Conclusions

Aim: To identify remediable and modifiable factors that reduce child's risk of harm and promote resilience.

Child-related factors that increase child's vulnerability to harm



Care-giver-related factors that increase child's vulnerability to harm



Community/social factors that increase child's vulnerability to harm

Child-related factors that promote resilience and decrease child's vulnerability to harm

Care-giver-related factors that promote resilience and reduce child's vulnerability to harm



Community/social factors that promote child's resilience and reduce child's vulnerability to harm



Recommendations

Include recommendations for intervention and access to services to ensure the child's future health, developmental progress (all aspects of development) and psychological wellbeing, the care-giver's provision of high quality care and desired responses from other agencies and services.

