

# THE MEDICAL EVALUATION OF SUSPECTED CHILD ABUSE

VFPMS Seminar 2024

The Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne

## DAY 1:

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
8:30 – 9:00	<b>Welcome and registration</b>	<b>Introduction</b>
9:00 – 9:20	The medical evaluation of suspected child abuse. What can I expect to learn from this seminar?	Anne Smith
9:20 – 10:00	What do we know about child abuse and neglect?	Emma Turton
10:00 – 10:30	Consent for medical procedures. When am I meant to NOT simply ask the kid's Mum? Practicing medicine safely. Confidentiality, information sharing and the importance of good record keeping.	Anne Smith
10:30 – 10:50	<b>Morning tea</b>	<b>The Victorian system</b>
10:50 – 11:30	Looking forward, looking back: Sentinel injuries and clinical prediction tools. When can AI help?	Anne Smith
11:30 – 12:30	Roles and responsibilities: How the system works. What happens when "a report" is made?	Tim Druce and Jo Tully
12:30 – 12:45	Q&A	
12:45 – 1:30	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Psychological harm</b>
1:30 – 2:10	The neurobiology of child maltreatment	Gemma Sinclair
2:10 – 2:55	Factitious and Induced illness / Medical Child Abuse	Maryanne Lobo
2:55 – 3:15	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	
3:15 – 3:45	Violence in the home (Family violence & child abuse)	Gemma Sinclair
3:45 – 4:15	The forensic investigation of emotional abuse	Anne Smith
4:15 – 5:00	Burns scalds and other thermal injuries	Maryanne Lobo
<b>FINISH DAY 1</b>		

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## DAY 2:

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
8:00 – 8:30	<b>Room open and sign in</b>	<b>Skin</b>
8:30 – 9:30	<b>Forensic interpretation of skin injury</b> Skin Part 1: Bruises, the most common childhood injury Accidents, assault & mimics.	Trusha Brys
9:30 – 9:45	Skin Part 2: Lacerations, abrasions and human bites.	Jo Tully
9:45 – 10:15	The forensic evaluation of child neglect	Jo Tully
10:15 – 10:30	Fatal child abuse	Anne Smith
10:30 – 10:50	<b>Morning tea</b>	<b>Head injury</b>
10:50 – 11:50	Forensic evaluation of head injuries	Trusha Brys
11:50 – 12:45	Head and spine injury: Radiological investigations & findings.	Padma Rao
12:45 – 1:30	<b>Lunch</b>	<b>Child and Adolescent Sexual Abuse</b>
1:30 – 2:00	Child Sexual Abuse: Epidemiology, Trends, Laws, Harms & Long term consequences	Claire Butler
2:00 – 2:30	How to evaluate children's sexualised behaviour	Andrea Smith
2:30 – 3:00	Technology Facilitated Sexual Assault	Jo Tully
3:00 – 3:20	<b>Afternoon tea</b>	<b>Genital findings</b>
3:20 – 4:15	Genital examination when sexual abuse is suspected. When, where, why and how?	Andrea Smith
4:15 – 4:45	Children's genitals. What do paediatricians need to know?	Jo Tully
4:45 – 5:00	Sample collection from CSA victims: Principles and guidelines.	Andrea Smith
<b>FINISH DAY 2</b>		

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## DAY 3:

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
7:45 – 8:00	<b>Room open and sign in</b>	<b>Fractures &amp; internal injuries</b>
8:00 – 9:00	Fracture mechanisms, patterns & estimates of age Investigation strategies	Jo Tully
9:00 – 9:30	Conditions associated with a propensity to fracture	Alyce Horstman
9:30 – 10:00	Internal, invisible but not insignificant: Internal injuries (+ strangulation)	Geetika Badkar
10:00 – 10:20	<b>Morning tea</b>	<b>How to provide a medical opinion</b>
10:20 – 10:45	How to write a useful medicolegal report. What to say, what not to say & how to word opinions.	Anne Smith
10:45 – 11:15	Tips for testifying	Anne Smith
11:15 – 11:30	<b>Short Break</b>	<b>Practice session: My opinion is...</b>
11:30 – 12:15	Quiz Ten top tips & ten tricky traps	Anne Smith
12:15 – 1:15	Practice wording opinions	Case Examples: Facilitators Anne Smith & Jo Tully
1:15 – 1:25	<b>Reflections and Feedback</b>	
<b>FINISH DAY 3</b>		