



## Regional Children's Advocacy Centers

### Medical Issues in Child Abuse Resource List

#### Foundational Medical Training

[Medical Training Academy](#) is an interactive, self-paced set of online lessons to prepare medical providers in correctly identifying and diagnosing child physical and sexual abuse. The 21 lessons, which include three in-depth case studies, build the essential skills and knowledge that medical providers will need to confidently navigate real world situations.

[Medical Training Academy for Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners](#) is for medical professionals who are seeking Pediatric/Adolescent SANE training/certification. This course is specifically targeted for nurses/advanced practice nurses who seek SANE training that meets International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) criteria and will meet the didactic portion necessary to sit for the IAFN SANE certification exam.

[Child Abuse Medical Preceptorship](#) connects providers with highly qualified centers of practice in their region to receive hands-on technical skills and education. The preceptorship is a two-part experience which includes participation in a four-day intensive clinical experience that includes a combination of observation, hands-on simulation and technical training, and on-going mentorship to ensure application of skills to practice.

[Medical/Legal Training Academy](#) is a concurrent training designed for healthcare providers who provide medical evaluations for suspected victims of abuse and prosecutors or child protection attorneys handling criminal or civil cases of child abuse. The course includes case-based scenarios to facilitate discussion, strategies for meeting with medical witnesses and preparing for defense experts and concludes with a mock trial.

[Court Prep for Medical and Legal Professionals](#) is designed to build the knowledge and skills of medical providers and prosecutors who respond to, treat and investigate the physical and sexual abuse of children. The training addresses the respective roles of medical providers and prosecutors with regard to evidence collection and prepares each to elicit and provide unbiased, expert testimony in subsequent criminal court proceedings.

#### Continuing Education & Quality Improvement

[National Medical Peer Review](#) provides an opportunity for CAC Medical Professionals to discuss the interpretation of medical findings, review documentation, and provide feedback regarding the quality of documentation. The Midwest Regional CAC hosts two medically-focused peer review groups - one general and one for SANE nurses. Each peer review group meets on a monthly basis for one hour.

[myCasereview](#) utilizes high quality, cutting edge technology to ensure valuable case review; anonymously connecting with a nationally recognized Child Abuse Board Certified Pediatrician. You will receive a timely response within 48 hours of case submission and will have the opportunity to give feedback about your review and reviewer. The reviewers are blinded to your identity, and you are blinded to their identities.

[myQiportal](#) is a collaboration with the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the International Association of Forensic Nurses (IAFN) offering three different quality improvement projects to medical professionals, depending on your licensing and certification. The goal of each quality improvement project is to assess and improve diagnostic accuracy and photodocumentation skills in child abuse cases.

## Additional Resources for the MDT & CAC

[The Importance of the Medical Exam: What MDT Partners Need to Know](#) video training was created by NRCAC as an orientation tool for both current and incoming MDT members. The training highlights the importance of the medical exam, the importance of specialized providers, and why normal results are normal.

[Medical Standard Assistance Tool](#) will give your team insight on many of the aspects involved in the Medical Standard including protocol development, training and technology tips and guidelines.

[Access to Medical Evaluations in Cases of Child Sexual Abuse](#) is a tool to assist Child Advocacy Centers (CACs) and State Chapter organizations to assess the gaps in medical care for child sexual abuse victims and to provide steps for improving this care along the continuum. Because of geographic location, availability of medical providers with expertise in child abuse, and budgetary constraints, centers will fall along the spectrum of meeting the National Children's Alliance (NCA) Medical Standard for Accreditation. This tool can be utilized to implement all criteria in the "Meets Standard" category to be in compliance, but suggests additional components to implement, thus providing the child and their family with the most desirable medical care possible.

[Child Protector App](#) will assist Children's Protective Services, law enforcement and medical personnel when evaluating children who may have been physically abused. This app features; 1) realistic animations of how childhood injuries may happen, both accidental and inflicted. Injury types include bruises, burns, head injuries, fractures, and abdominal injuries, 2) decision trees for use in determining likelihood of abuse, further investigative needs, and further medical testing for each of the injury types, 3) a library to of over 100 animations with accompanying narration that depict the mechanisms of different types of injuries for children, 4) descriptions of medical findings, the meaning of those findings, and how they can be used in investigative, legal or court processes, and 5) history taking tools for both investigators and medical professionals.

[Discussion Guide for CAC Directors when Hiring a Medical Provider \(Coming Soon\)](#) will provide the guidance to CAC directors for the recruitment and hiring of medical providers. It will include on-boarding considerations, education requirements, tips for setting role expectations, and supervision recommendations. [Sign up for the MRCAC e-newsletter](#) to receive updates on this document's release.

[Medical Aspects in Child Abuse for the MDT \(Coming Soon\)](#) is a self-paced course designed to provide the MDT professional with the highlights of both physical and sexual abuse findings. Topics will include burns, bruises, bites, abdominal trauma, head trauma, fractures, sexual abuse overview, child development, role of the medical provider in the MDT and an overview of drug facilitated sexual assault, child pornography, YPSB and CSEC. [Sign up for the MRCAC e-newsletter](#) to receive updates on this course's release.