

EduNet Webinar Agenda

EduNet Webinar: Often Normal, but Still Needed: The Medical Evaluation of Child Sexual Abuse

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Course Description:

Medical evaluations are an important part of a child sexual abuse investigation. Their importance is often misunderstood due to the typical absence of physical "evidence" from the exam or lab findings. This course will explain the role of the medical provider in cases of suspected sexual abuse as well as an overview of why many of the exams are "normal." Examples of visual aids and literature resources will be provided that could be used by medical or non-medical professionals to clarify the expectation of physical findings in legal proceedings.

Learning Objectives:

1. Understand the medical provider's role in a case of suspected child sexual abuse
2. Describe 2 situations in which a medical evaluation should be done emergently
3. Identify the most common source of DNA recovery in sexual abuse cases
4. Formulate a strategy to explain "normal to be normal" to investigators, legal personnel and juries

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Karen Farst, MD, MPH, is a board certified child abuse pediatrician and is the Director of the Team for Children at Risk at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock, AR. The program she directs provides exam review and continuing education support to the medical providers at the 17 + CAC's in AR. She is a past board member of the National Children's Alliance and served for many years as a teaching faculty member for Medical Training Academy.

Continuing Education: Approved by Minnesota Board of Social Work for 1 hours of CEU through September 2023.

Course Coordinator:

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