

## TRAINING & PEER REVIEW RESOURCES FOR CAC MEDICAL PROVIDERS

### CORE MEDICAL TRAININGS

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The following are trainings offered by the Midwest Regional Medical Academy, a program of the Midwest Regional CAC. These trainings sufficiently meet the NCA Standards for Accreditation for medical training.

#### Medical Training Academy (MTA)

**Date/Time:** On-Demand

**Instructor:** Dr. Suzanne Starling, Dr. Lori Frasier, Dr. Karen Farst

**Delivery:** On-Demand Video

**Course Description:** Medical evaluations of child sexual abuse are acknowledged in the child maltreatment field as a valuable part of an investigation as they improve the likelihood of timely medical care to a child victim and can provide information to support legal decisions. Furthermore, the NCA Standards for Accreditation recognize that “A medical evaluation holds an important place in the multidisciplinary assessment of child abuse. An accurate history is essential in making the medical diagnosis and determining appropriate treatment of child abuse.”

Online Medical Training Academy is a rigorous set of online modules to prepare medical providers in correctly identifying and diagnosing child physical and sexual abuse. This training will provide a thorough review of nationally recognized *Guidelines for Medical Care of Children Who may have been Sexually Abused* (Adams et al, 2007). Topics to be covered include; behavioral and physical indicators of sexual abuse, role of the medical provider, pertinent review of literature, peer review principles and practices, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI), abusive head trauma, skeletal injuries, cutaneous injuries and neglect and failure to thrive.

#### Learning Objectives:

1. Communicate the history, structure and development of CACs in the US
2. Explain the expectations of the medical professional in the evaluation of pediatric sexual and physical abuse victims as defined by the NCA Medical Standard
3. Recognize cutaneous signs and symptoms of child abuse
4. Identify current medical issues in child sexual abuse
5. Describe and document findings on pediatric sexual exams
6. Recognize abusive head trauma and skeletal injuries
7. Describe ethical medical testimony

Primary Children's Hospital designates this education activity for category 1 credits toward the AMA Physicians Recognition Award, for a total of 20 CME credits awarded upon completion of the training.

**Target Audience:** This training is appropriate for physicians, nurse practitioners, SANE Nurses and other RN's with advanced training, and physician's assistants that have experience in the field of child abuse evaluation.

**Eligibility Requirements:** There are no eligibility requirements for this training.

**Length:** 20 hours

**Cost:** \$299.00

**How to Access:** Registration available at [www.mrcac.org](http://www.mrcac.org)

## Pediatric SANE Training

**Date/Time:** Spring, Summer and Fall

\*\*\*5 weeks (4 hour sessions each week) 9:00am-1:00pm (CST)

**Instructor:** Diana Faugno, MSN, RN, CPN, SANE-A, SANE-P, FAFS, DF-IAFN

**Delivery:** Online Live/Archived Streaming

**Course Description:** The purpose of this training is to provide medical personnel with knowledge specific to the pediatric sexual abuse examinations for collection of evidence and identification of injury that might have been sustained. The nurse or physician will be trained to conduct and complete the evidentiary examination on a child or adolescent as well as focus on techniques and issues that will assist them to accomplish the task. This training does not certify nurses or physicians to perform evidentiary examinations.

Satisfactory completion indicates that the medical personal has attended and participated in the intense 40 hour training. Please note that materials distributed and/or discussed in this training should be protected meaning no copies, sharing, or redistribution of materials is permitted. Homework outside of the Online Live Streaming will be given and completion expected. Post clinical requirements will be the responsibility of the attendee to arrange after the course with their employer.

### Learning Objectives:

1. Identify pre-pubescent genital anatomy.
2. Describe a child abuse advocacy center (CAC) and its purpose
3. List 2-3 milestones that are specific growth and development for the prepubescent 3 yrs. old child.
4. State two examples of open ended questions used in gathering the nursing history of a child.
5. Understand the different roles and scope of work of the Child Protection Worker, Forensic Interviewer, District Attorney and Law Enforcement in the multidisciplinary team in dealing with child sexual assault.

**Target Audience:** Medical Professionals associated with CACs

**Eligibility Requirements:** Participants must be a nurse associated and/or employed with a Children's Advocacy Center. Previous Adult SANE Training recommended, but not required. Upon Application Midwest Regional CAC will ask for documentation to confirm association/employment.

**Length:** 20 hours of classroom learning/20 hours of homework

**Cost:** \$199.00

**How to Access:** Registration available at [www.mrcac.org](http://www.mrcac.org)

## Court Prep for Medical and Legal Professionals

The intersection of law and medicine can be quite challenging and, at times, daunting for both professions. In child abuse cases, navigating this uncomfortable territory is the rule rather than the exception. Medical care providers are often anxious about going to court and frequently feel ill prepared. Attorneys are often faced with the interpretation of specialized medical data, obfuscating expert witnesses and inaccessible medical providers. By combining medical and legal faculty in an exciting new training, we hope to address these concerns.

**Content to be covered:** The *medical training* will consist of the role of the medical provider, abusive head, abdominal and cutaneous trauma, Guidelines and Standards of Care for Possible SA Victims, Genital Findings, Testifying as a Medical Expert, Hearsay, Memory and Suggestibility and a Mock Trial.

The *legal training* will consist of opening statements/closing arguments, discussion of corroborating evidence, ethical considerations, pretrial motions, direct and cross examination of witnesses, preparing children for court, the role of

the medical provider, abusive head, abdominal and cutaneous trauma, child sexual abuse, and also a Mock Trial.

**Target Audience:** This training is designed for a medical and legal team. This will be a great opportunity for a CAC medical professional and prosecutor to work together to understand each other's roles, and to be an effective team in the Court Room. Preference will be given to legal/medical teams over individuals.

**Length:** This is a three-day training sponsored by The Midwest Regional Children's Advocacy Center (MRCAC) and the Western Regional Children's Advocacy Center (WRCAC) in collaboration with the National District Attorney's Association (NDAA). CLE/CME hours are given for this course.

**Cost:** \$49.00 tuition, Airfare and Lodging

**How to Access:** Visit Western Regional CAC's website for more information – [www.westernregionalcac.org](http://www.westernregionalcac.org)

## PEER REVIEW RESOURCES

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### Midwest Regional CAC Peer Review:

The purpose of peer review of medical findings will be to provide the opportunity for participants to review documentation, discuss interpretation of findings, and provide feedback regarding the quality of documentation. This initiative is primarily for the medical providers, however, other team members may choose to participate as well.

#### Goals of Medical Peer Review

- To enhance the quality of documentation of physical findings in cases of suspected child abuse.
- To provide the opportunity to discuss findings and interpretation of findings in cases of suspected child abuse or neglect.
- To increase the knowledge of medical providers in Children's Advocacy Centers nationally.
- To provide an opportunity to discuss cases of suspected child abuse and neglect in multi-user national, multi-user regional as well as point-to-point connections.

Medical Peer Review occurs monthly. Sites are asked to select the date and time from the listed options that best fits their schedules. The Midwest Regional CAC will finalize the group selection so as to adhere to the appropriate group size.

Sites participating in this initiative will be required to present a case approximately every other month. Sites who are not scheduled to present, but have an urgent need for a case consultation may contact the Midwest Regional CAC who will provide the final agenda for the calls. In addition, the Midwest Regional CAC will work with the presenting sites to provide input on case selection as well as to be sure any technical questions can be addressed prior to the start of the call. This will allow the goals for the call to be top priority. Typically, each call will have 3 case presentations lasting 15 minutes each. Each session will last one hour. Following will be the agenda for this peer review session.

For more information visit <http://www.mrcac.org/medical-peer-review>.

### Statewide and Institutionwide Peer Review:

Many states organize statewide peer review among the medical providers at CACs. Get in touch with your State Chapter Coordinator to explore the options available in your state. You may also want to check with other leading medical providers in your state or institution to organize your own institution wide peer review.

## EXPERT REVIEW RESOURCES

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### myCasereview (Formerly Telehealth Institute for Child Maltreatment)

Independent review of examination interpretation is recommended by the National Children's Alliance and in recent literature\*. Participation in myCasereview, our anonymous expert review program, will provide you a benchmark against which you can measure your level of diagnostic agreement with expert diagnosticians. \* *Adams JA; Kaplan RA; Starling SP; Mehta NH; Finkel MA; Botash AS; Kellogg ND; Shapiro RA. Guidelines for medical care of children who may have been sexually abused. J Pediatr Adolesc Gynecol;20(3):163-72, 2007 Jun.*

#### By registering for myCasereview, you will

- Be utilizing high quality, cutting edge technology to ensure valuable case review
- Anonymously connect with a nationally recognized Child Abuse Board Certified Pediatrician (The reviewers are blinded to your identity, and you are blinded to their identities)
- Receive a timely response within 48 hours of case submission and
- Will have the opportunity to give feedback about your review and reviewer.

Participation in myCasereview is not to be utilized for "second opinions" or initial diagnoses. Rather, it is to be utilized for medical peer review of examination findings in sexual abuse cases, to further facilitate accurate diagnoses by medical providers examining children who have been sexually abused

#### Cost:

\*\*\*Providers associated with Children's Advocacy Centers receive a special price of \$25.00 per case. Cases can be purchased in bulk or pay as you go.

**Annual Subscription Levels** (Industrialized countries per World Bank)\* Based on an annual contract and subject to cost increase upon renewal

- **Standard** 12 Cases per Year = \$336.00 (\$28 /case)
- **Premium** 24 Cases per Year = \$648.00 (\$27/case)
- **Executive** 36 Cases per Year = \$900.00 (\$25/case)
- Per case = \$30.00

**Annual Subsidized Subscription Levels** (Developing countries per World Bank)\* Based on an annual contract and subject to cost increase upon renewal

- **Standard** 12 Cases per Year = \$276.00 (\$13 /case)
- **Premium** 24 Cases per Year = \$288.00 (\$12/case)
- **Executive** 36 Cases per Year = \$360.00 (\$10/case)
- Per case = \$15.00

For subscription information please contact Kori Stephens at [kori.stephens@childrensmn.org](mailto:kori.stephens@childrensmn.org).

### myQIportal

Midwest Regional Medical Academy will soon be the home to an American Board of Pediatrics Certified Quality Improvement Project. It's aim is to assess and improve the accuracy of the medical diagnosis of child sexual abuse and improve the quality of photographic evidence. Participants will receive MOC 4 credit and CMEs will be made available if the medical provider is not a physician. Check the Midwest Regional CAC website in May 2013 for more information!