

Child Abuse Consultation Network for Washington State

The purpose of the Consultation Network is to provide statewide consultation and training regarding medical findings in cases of alleged child abuse and neglect. It provides quick access to a physician with expertise in the diagnosis of complex cases of child abuse and neglect to professionals such as:

- CA case workers and supervisors
- Physicians and other medical providers
- Prosecutors and Attorney General
- Law Enforcement
- Other professionals in child abuse and neglect

Child Protection Medical Consultants:

Interpret written reports, radiological findings, and other materials submitted by CA case workers, law enforcement officers, prosecuting attorneys, and other physicians requesting consultation regarding evidence of abuse or neglect.

Provide telephone consultation to CA social workers on cases of suspected child abuse or neglect.

Upon request of CA, coordinate and facilitate child protection training events with local health experts at locations throughout the state.

Sample questions:

Is this an accidental injury or abuse?

What do you think of a burn with these characteristics?

How can I find expert testimony?

Are vaginal infections in young children usually the result of sexual abuse?

Is this injury consistent with a playground fall?

What are the consequences of severe dental caries?

Is the child's weight loss due to a medical issue or parental neglect?

For questions regarding poisons or exposure to toxins contact:

Washington State Poison Control
(800) 222-1222