Objectives

After attending one (or more) of the Medical Education sessions provided by the CAC/NEPA, participants will be able to:

• Have a better understanding of the signs and symptoms of child abuse and to consider child maltreatment in differential diagnoses
• Be better prepared to make a diagnosis of child maltreatment
• Have a working knowledge of the CAC model and county child abuse protocol
• Understand your role as mandated reporters and the reporting process
• Have a better understanding of the resources and referral agencies within the community related to child abuse reporting, evaluation, and treatment

Our Mission

The mission of The Children’s Advocacy Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania is to provide excellence in the treatment of child sexual and physical abuse and neglect.

Since our founding in 1998, The Children’s Advocacy Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania has provided services to more than 7,000 children who have experienced abuse and/or neglect.
Why medical education on child abuse?

Despite being identified as mandated reporters, many medical professionals and healthcare providers have reported feeling ill prepared in identifying and reporting child abuse. The Children’s Advocacy Center of Northeastern Pennsylvania is committed to supporting the medical and healthcare community by improving clinical competencies in child protection and serving as a resource and partner. All of the educational programs offered by the CAC/NEPA are offered on-site.

Medical Education Programs

**Grand Rounds**

Grand Rounds are an important teaching tool and ritual of medical education, consisting of presenting the medical problems and treatment of a particular patient or diagnosis to an audience consisting of physicians, residents, CRNP’s, PA’s, RN’s, medical students, and other hospital personnel. Grand Rounds help physicians and other healthcare professionals keep up to date in important evolving areas which may be outside of their core practice. The Children’s Advocacy Center conducts Grand Rounds to increase clinical competency by assisting physicians in developing diagnostic and evaluation tools related to child abuse.

The following programs are also available:

- The physical and behavioral indicators of child abuse and maltreatment
- How to differentiate situations in which mandated reporters must report suspected cases of child abuse and/or maltreatment

**Child Abuse/Maltreatment Identification and Reporting for Health Professionals**

The purpose of this presentation is to provide healthcare professionals with information on recognizing and reporting indicators of child abuse and maltreatment and the process of reporting. Topics included in this educational program include:

- An overview of the CAC Model
- Definitions of child abuse and maltreatment
- Physical Abuse Overview
- Sexual Abuse Overview
- Child Neglect
- Abusive Head Trauma
- Accident Vs. Abuse
- Abusive Fractures
- Conditions Mistaken
- Cutaneous Findings
- Abusive Visceral Injuries
- Expert Witness
- Differentiating Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) From Fatal Child Abuse
- Medical Child Abuse: An New Perspective on Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy

**Professional Consultation**

The medical team at the CAC/NEPA is available for professional consultation:

- Medical Triage
- Medical Consultation
- Expert Testimony
- Guest Lectures/Speakers’ Bureau

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