



# CHILD ABUSE





# DEFINITION

The physical or mental injury , sexual abuse or exploitation , neglect treatment or maltreatment of child under the age of 18 by a person who is responsible for the child's welfare under circumstances which indicate that the child's health or welfare is harmed or threatened .

# TYPES OF CHILD ABUSE



Sexual abuse



Emotional abuse



Physical abuse



Neglect abuse

# PHYSICAL ABUSE

Any non accidental injury to a child under the age of 18 by a parent or caretaker . These injuries may include beatings , shaking , burns , human bites , strangulation or immersion in scalding water or others , with resulting bruises , fractures , scars , burns , internal injuries or any other injuries .

# CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

- Its in the form of biting, punching, kicking or beating .
- socially and legally accepted in most countries .
- In many it is a significant phenomenon in schools and other institutions and in penal systems for young offenders .



# PSYCHOLOGICAL MALTREATMENT DEFINITION

- **psychological neglect** – the consistent failure of a parent or caretaker to provide a child with appropriate support , attention and affection .

- **psychological abuse** – a chronic pattern of behaviors such as belittling , humiliating and ridiculing a child .



# EMOTIONAL ABUSE

Includes the failure of a caregiver to provide an appropriate and supportive environment , and includes acts that have an adverse effect on the emotional health and development of a child.

such acts include restricting a child's movements , denigration , ridicule , threats and intimidation , discrimination , rejection and other nonphysical forms of hostile treatment .



# NEGLECT

Refers to the failure of a parent to provide for the development of the child – where the parent is in a position to do so – in one or more of the following areas : health , education, emotional development , nutrition ,shelter ,and safe living conditions .

Neglect is thus distinguished from circumstances of poverty in that neglect can occur only in cases where reasonable resources are available to the family or caregiver .





# CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

The exploitation of a child or adolescent for the sexual gratifications of another person .

All children who are suspected victim of child sexual abuse should be offered a medical evaluation . The timing and detail of the examination should be based on specific screening criteria developed by qualified medical provides .

# FORENSIC EXAMINATION FOR VICTIM OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Consent

History

P/E ( general , genito- anal )

Sample collection

Documentation and reporting



# HISTORY

What signs to look for

What samples to take

How to interpret findings

Routine background

Medical

Gynecological

Sexual

What happened

\* The victim should not be asked to describe the assault repeatedly .

# GENERAL EXAMINATION

General appearance

Upper arms , forearms and hands, face, ears, lip

Scalp neck ,breasts , abdomen , thighs and legs

hips and buttocks .

-Bruises and contusions ( scalp, face , lips), lacerations( scalp , face ), ligature marks ( ankle , wrists and neck ), pattern injuries ( fingertip marks , scratch marks , bite marks , bite marks , factitious self inflicted injuries ).

# GENETO – ANAL EXAMINATION

Inspection ( labial traction ) .

swabs

Speculum ( anal +/- digital +/- proctoscope

# FORENSIC SPECIMENS

Vulval / vaginal/ endocervical swabs

Buccal swabs- for DNA profiling other swabs ( anal , oral , breasts )

Fingernail (clipping / scraping )

Pubic hair

Clothing / debris

+/- toxicological samples ( blood , urine )



Oral swab : up to 1 day ( usually few hours )

Drugs and alcohol : blood up to 4 days ( usually  $\frac{1}{2}$  day )

Rectal swab : 3 days ( usually 1 day )

Vaginal swab : up to 7 days ( usually  $< 72$  hrs )

Skin swab : before washing

Dry material ( panties ) : before washing