



How to Access Medical Exams for Child & Adolescent Victims of Sexual Abuse in Hennepin County

CHILD ALLEGES SEXUAL ABUSE

If alleged abuse happened **more than 72 hours ago**, consider a medical exam to test for sexually transmitted infections, and address victim's pain, anxiety or other symptoms.

Schedule a forensic interview at CornerHouse.

Discuss need for medical exam at post-interview MDT meeting.
If a child has already had a medical exam prior to the CornerHouse interview, the investigator should attempt to obtain a copy of the medical report and lab results for possible review by CornerHouse. If this is not possible, please notify CornerHouse and we will ask the caregiver to sign a release at the time of the interview.

Refer victims under 18 to University of MN Children's Hospital. Call 612-273-SAFE (7233). Insurance coverage must be confirmed before the child is seen at UMN.

Refer victims under 18 to CornerHouse. We will conduct a forensic medical exam and refer adolescents to specialists for ongoing care. Insurance is not required.

Refer victims under 18 to HCMC. Call 612-873-9360. Insurance coverage will be reviewed by HCMC staff. If patient is uninsured, other payment options will be discussed.

If alleged abuse happened **within the last 72 hours**, a forensic medical exam should happen immediately to collect physical evidence.

To preserve the possibility of a forensic interview at **CornerHouse**:

Refer victims **12 and under** to the HCMC ED or University of MN Children's Hospital.

Refer victims **13 and older** to any hospital in Hennepin County including HCMC and University of MN Children's Hospital.

If victim presents at **Children's Hospital**:

Victims **13 or older (for whom the suspect is extra-familial)** will be referred to Abbott Northwestern.

Victims **12 and under (or 13-18 with an intra-familial suspect)**, will be referred to MCRC. The family may be seen in the ED or may be asked to go to the main MCRC office at St. Paul Children's

Mention the need for forensic evidence collection.

A SARS nurse/SANE will be called to perform the medical exam.

Schedule a forensic interview at CornerHouse.

A medical exam by MCRC always includes a forensic interview; thus victims seen by MCRC staff **cannot be seen by CornerHouse**. If MCRC is consulted but they do not examine the child, a forensic interview at CornerHouse is okay.