

Some diagnoses are
harder than others.
We can help.



Child Protection Telemedicine and Distance Learning Network

Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Child Protection Center



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When faced with suspected child abuse or neglect, turn to the Child Protection Telemedicine and Distance Learning Network.

Failure to recognize or intervene in a child abuse or neglect case may lead to subsequent revictimization, physical injury or death. Our team of specially trained experts can assess for abuse and neglect and help protect the child from further harm.

Give children the added support of the Children's Child Protection Center team. Our services include:

- Easier access to complete medical exams
- Specialized care provided in your community
- Stronger evidence for criminal court cases with input from specially trained medical personnel
- Expert witness testimony as needed
- Peer review for professionals
- Continuing education via teleconferencing

Child advocacy center staff, medical professionals, and children and families throughout Georgia can access these services and support through the Child Protection Telemedicine and Distance Learning Network.

Expert advice in your community

The network provides one-on-one access to a team of experts without having to leave your community when sexual or physical abuse or neglect is suspected.

Teleconferencing equipment allows a medical provider at Children's to converse with the patient, family, investigators and examiner. In addition to assisting with the actual exam, the provider can help render an opinion about the exam findings and the likelihood of abuse or neglect.

A formal consultation report is generated for the exam and the network medical provider is available to serve as an expert witness as needed. The network medical provider also can help with case management.

There is a new confirmed case of child abuse or neglect every 15 minutes in Georgia.

Distance learning

Through the network, multidisciplinary teams also have access to continuing professional education about various aspects of child abuse and neglect investigations. Continuing education credit will be available.

One-hour lectures will be scheduled every month and will cover topics such as:

- Medical evaluation of physical abuse (intentional versus accidental trauma)
- Investigation of cases of abusive head trauma
- Forensic interviewing techniques
- Parent-child interaction therapy
- Munchausen syndrome by proxy
- Long-term consequences of child abuse and neglect

How does it work?

The Child Protection Telemedicine and Distance Learning Network is part of the Georgia Partnership for Telehealth Inc.

Using Tandberg teleconferencing equipment, sites connect via private network using dedicated data lines. Each end-user site can connect to the hub in order to provide real-time medical evaluations and training.

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