

Welcome

The Children's Healthcare of Atlanta Scoliosis Screening Program is dedicated to the education of healthcare professionals, Georgia's children and their families. The program provides a variety of services to the community that includes education about scoliosis for parents, adolescents and healthcare professionals. The program also conducts specialized clinics and annual instruction for screening personnel, including health department nurses, school nurses, volunteers, physical education teachers, school health workers, and primary care physicians and their office personnel.

The specialized clinics, offered at several locations in metro Atlanta, provide further evaluation and follow-up for children with signs of scoliosis who have been referred through school screenings or physicians.

The Scoliosis Screening for Healthcare Professionals and Scoliosis Screening Instruction for Health Workers and Volunteers PowerPoint presentations are resources to aid you in implementing scoliosis screening in your community. The manual is designed to equip screening program coordinators and presenters with instructional tools for training screeners to properly identify signs of scoliosis. It also provides information regarding compliance with state recommendations, requirements, regulations and laws. Visit choa.org/scoliosis for more information and online resources. Call 404-785-7553 to inquire about consultation.

Thank you for your commitment to the health and well-being of Georgia's children.

Goal:

To provide a scoliosis screening resource guide for healthcare professionals working with local public health departments, schools, primary care physicians and other healthcare professionals.

Objectives for instructors:

Know the code, laws, rules and regulations that mandate scoliosis screening in your state.

Design effective scoliosis screening strategies using the components in the Children's Scoliosis Screening for Healthcare Professionals and Scoliosis Screening Instruction for Health Workers and Volunteers PowerPoint presentations.

Utilize the "Scoli What?" video on choa.org/scoliosis to educate students.

Utilize the PowerPoint presentation, PowerPoint note pages and "Curve Checks" DVD to educate screeners.

Objectives for screeners:

Distinguish between myths and facts regarding scoliosis.

Discuss the importance of scoliosis screening for adolescents.

Describe the scoliosis screening process including all five steps.

Report the abnormal physical findings of the scoliosis screening.

Describe the treatment options for scoliosis.