

Canadian Symposium on Advanced Practices for Child Abuse Pediatricians

The Suspected Child Abuse and Neglect (SCAN) Program,
Division of Pediatric Medicine, The Hospital for Sick Children

November 17, 2010

Course Description

This one day symposium is designed to enhance skills and expertise of physicians who currently provide medical evaluation of children and youth for suspected child physical abuse. The intended audience includes physicians who provide medical opinions in cases of suspected physical abuse which are utilized by child welfare agencies and the criminal justice system. The focus of this Canadian-based, advanced level symposium will be on diagnostic evaluation of children with injuries, opinion formulation and documentation. Workshop sessions will be interactive, case-based and provide opportunities for clinicians to practice skills and discuss approaches. The emphasis will be on evidence-based practice and lessons learned from recent inquiries. A syllabus will be provided to participants with up-to-date references and suggested approaches to work from.

Specific Topics

- Skin injuries (bruising)
- Fractures in infants
- Suspected head trauma
- Expert opinion formulation and documentation
- Clinical opinions in postmortem cases, considerations and limitations

Learning Objectives

At the end of this symposium, participants will be able to:

1. Apply an evidence-based approach to the diagnostic evaluation of suspected child physical abuse (bruises, fractures, head trauma).
2. Use lessons learned from the medical literature and recent inquiries to inform opinion formulation and documentation in suspected child physical abuse cases.
3. Consider a collaborative model involving clinicians, radiologists and pathologists in evaluation of postmortem cases of suspected child physical abuse.

Enrollment in this symposium is limited in order to provide an opportunity for active participation, small group discussion and skills practice at an advanced level. Only physicians who have experience with clinical evaluation of suspected child physical abuse and/or have attended previous conferences/training in the area and/or have testified in court related to children with suspected injuries will be accepted for registration on a first-come basis.

Current Issues in Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment Conference – November 18 & 19, 2010

Symposium registrants may be interested in attending the above conference which is designed for an interdisciplinary audience and will provide up-to-date information on current issues in sexual assault, domestic violence and child maltreatment. The detailed brochure is available at www.sickkids.ca/cme

Registration

Physicians who are attending the 'Symposium' on Wednesday, November 17th and plan on attending the 'Current Issues in Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment Conference' should NOT register on-line. In order to receive the multiple day discount, you should complete and return the 'Symposium Registration Form' by FAX or Email only. *If you have already registered for the 2 day conference on Nov. 18 & 19, please complete the Symposium Registration form, and note that you are registered for the 2 days. We will adjust the registration fee.*

Conference Site and Hotel Accommodation

The Metropolitan Hotel
108 Chestnut Street, Toronto, ON
Telephone: 416-977-5000
Toll Free Reservations: 1-800-668-6600
FAX: 416-977-9513

Refer to group code #22598 (special rate of \$145 plus taxes for single/double)

Additional information and details regarding accommodation, location and the Wednesday evening reception are available in the **Current Issues in Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence & Child Maltreatment Conference brochure** www.sickkids.ca/cme

Cancellation Policy

Should you need to cancel, you must do so by email to info.scan@sickkids.ca before midnight on Wednesday, November 3, 2010. Once received your registration fee, less a \$75 handling charge, will be refunded. After November 3, no refunds will be granted for withdrawal. A replacement can be secured by the registrant as long as you contact us in writing with details at: info.scan@sickkids.ca