



WHAT IS A FORENSIC MEDICAL EXAM?

A forensic medical exam is a head to toe exam done on your child that looks for any type of injury or trauma and it also looks to collect evidence if applicable. In addition to the examination, the nurse gathers a medical history and reviews such things as vaccinations, dental visits, pains or any concerns that the child may have.

The examination is non-invasive in a pre-pubescent girl-in other words, not an exam like that which is done on a grown woman, nothing is inserted.

The child is in a comfortable, relaxed atmosphere and is allowed to be in control of what happens to them at all times. If at any time the child becomes uncomfortable or does not want to participate any further then the exam stops.

WHY SHOULD MY CHILD HAVE A MEDICAL EXAM?

The medical exam identifies any trauma or injuries that the child might have sustained if there was any type of assault. It also allows for the collection of any evidence that may be present. This may be very important in the future for identification purposes or in court.

Most important to the child is that it reassures them that they are alright and that no one will be able to tell that anything has ever happened to them. This is equally as important to the parents/guardians as well!

Feel free to contact the CAC nurses with any questions or concerns!

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