

Madigan Army Medical Center Referral Guidelines

Child Abuse and Neglect

Diagnosis/Definition

- Child abuse is the physical injury, sexual maltreatment, emotional maltreatment, deprivation of necessities, or any other maltreatment *by a parent, guardian, or any other person who is responsible for a child's welfare on a temporary or permanent basis.*
- Indicators of physical abuse include bleeding, burns, bone fractures, bruises, cuts, death, failure to thrive, human bites, scalding, soft tissue swelling, subdural hematomas, welts, wounds or other injuries which are not justifiably explained.
- Indicators of sexual abuse include genital/rectal injuries, sexually transmitted disease, behavior change and disorders, and any other indication of acts or omissions which subject a child to sexual assault, molestation, child prostitution, exposure to sexually inappropriate materials, or exploitation by a caretaker or family members.
- Indicators of neglect include consistent hunger, consistently inappropriate dress, consistently poor hygiene, severe diaper rash, physical and developmental delay, and failure to thrive. Neglect may also include any instances in which the caretaker fails to provide proper supervision, education, medical care, dental care or a safe and sanitary living environment.

Initial Diagnosis and Management

History and Physical Exam.

Ongoing Management and Objectives

- Ensure victim safety
- Assessment
- Treatment for abuser and victim
- Prevent future abuse/neglect

Indications for Specialty Care Referral

The Joint Base Lewis McChord (JBLM) Report Point of Contact (RPOC) is the Military Police at 966-3693. Allegations or suspicions of child abuse/neglect must be reported to the local Child Protective Services (CPS). Army Regulation 608-18 and Madigan Regulation 40-25 mandate reporting and permit Madigan Providers to report all allegations of child abuse/neglect to Madigan Family Advocacy Program (FAP) who will then report to the RPOC and CPS on the provider's behalf. Referral should include "who", "what", "when", "where", and any injuries reported or noted. In addition, Madigan providers should include in the medical note that they suspect non-accidental trauma, abuse, or neglect. During Duty hours, the FAP Intake worker can be reached at 968-4159. After normal duty hours, contact the Communication Center for either

the Emergency Room Social Worker or FAP On-Call Social Worker. If there is an immediate problem, call Military Police at 966-3693..

Criteria for Return to Primary Care

Social Work will work with Primary Care as appropriate. Closest coordination will take place in cases of medical neglect, or those involving serious medical injuries or family members with chronic medical problems.

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