

**UNC Beacon
Child Evaluation Clinic**

Who We Are:

The Child Evaluation Clinic provides comprehensive outpatient evaluations, including Child Medical Evaluations, of infants, children, and adolescents for whom there is a concern of child abuse, neglect and/or traumatic events. The Child Evaluation Clinic is staffed by a team of medical providers and mental health clinicians.

What to Expect:

CEC Appointments usually last approximately 2 hours.

When you arrive, you will have a chance to speak with our clinic providers without your child present. Your child may be interviewed by a mental health clinician.

At the end of the appointment, we will discuss the significance of the physical exam, the interview, and other information gathered during your child's appointment. We will tell you about any referrals to other services.



Locations:

We see children in two locations depending on their needs:

UNC Children's Hospital
101 Manning Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

UNC Primary Care Clinic
1512 E. Franklin St.
Suite 100
Chapel Hill, NC 27514



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What the Child Evaluation Clinic Does:

Our staff meets with the parent or caregiver to know about the child's medical history. We will talk to you about why your child was referred to clinic.

For children 3 and older, your child may have a recorded interview to learn from your child what he/she has experienced and determine their needs for services. We do not provide mental health therapy at the appointment.

We perform a complete, head-to-toe physical examination. We do NOT do an "internal" or invasive exam. It is different from an adult women's exam.

If there is concern for sexual abuse, we test for sexually transmitted infections and/or pregnancy, if indicated. For other concerns, additional laboratory tests and/or X-rays may be ordered.

We work closely with child welfare and law enforcement investigators to ensure that all children and families receive needed services.

Investigative Agencies:

If there is an investigation of possible abuse or neglect for your child, we will provide updates to investigators about your child's appointment.

How to Prepare Your Child for the Evaluation:

Tell your child they are going to the doctor for a medical check-up.

This visit is similar to a regular check-up with a pediatrician or primary care provider. Components of the exam can include a genital exam.

You do NOT need to talk to your child about the reasons for the appointment. However, you should listen if your child chooses to talk. Help us know what your child has shared with you about the concerns and how they are feeling.

Tell us any worries you or your child has, so we can do our best to help your child feel more comfortable.

As healthcare experts in this type of medical care, we understand that the visit may be stressful. Our goal is to support you and your child as best as we can. During the visit, please tell us if there is something we can do to help make you or your child more comfortable.

Follow-up Counseling:

Many children benefit from counseling support following their abuse experiences. If you would like to learn about additional support for you, your child or anyone else in your family, we will provide you with information about local mental health or behavioral therapists who have training in a type of therapy called Trauma-focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TFCBT). You can also search for local, specially trained therapists through the NC Child Treatment Program: <https://ncchildtreatmentprogram.org>

