MEDICAL UPDATE-CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE

Are you familiar with the “2009 Update: Medical Evaluation of Suspected Child Sexual Abuse?” All providers performing sexual abuse evaluations should review this update due to changes in how findings may be interpreted as well as other valuable information pertaining to child sexual abuse evaluations.

This article was published in the APSAC Advisor, Winter 2010. You may also find this information by clicking on the following link http://www.kindesmisshandlung.de/mediapool/32/328527/data/Adams-Medical_evaluation-Classification-APSAC-Adv-2009.pdf

Or enter Medical Evaluation of Suspected Child Sexual Abuse: 2009 Update in the Google Search bar.

BOOK REVIEW

By: Mark Everson, Ph.D.


This is an excellent summary of the research on when and why children do and do not disclose sexual abuse. The editors have assembled a broad collection of papers that include reviews of the current literature from different perspectives, original unpublished research, and papers outlining clinical, legal and policy implications. When the history of our field is written, I believe this book will be hailed as signaling a critical turning point. After almost two decades of emphasis on preventing overcalling abuse or false positive errors in the investigative and assessment process, this book makes a compelling case for a more balanced perspective in which preventing undercalling or false negative errors receives equal attention.

We are all too busy. Most of us would rather throw a few dollars at a problem or issue than be asked to contribute any of our time. This book is worth the investment of both.

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