

A Medical Exam with Dr. Schlievert

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There are three main reasons for the medical exam:

1. To reassure the child and / or family that their body is OK
2. To check for possible injury, sexually transmitted diseases or pregnancy
3. To gather any possible medical evidence

The appointment is scheduled for one hour. That time includes: interviewing your child, preparing your child for the exam, completing the exam and discussing the exam / case immediately afterwards. You will have the opportunity to meet with Dr. Schlievert in privacy to discuss the exam at length. We will try and answer any and all questions during this time.

THE EXAM:

Dr. Schlievert is a pediatrician. He completed a fellowship in the area of child abuse. This means that he completed medical school, a residency (doctor in training) in pediatrics and went onto Cincinnati to complete additional training and become specialized in the area of child abuse. This is why it is better for your child to be examined by Dr. Schlievert instead of going to the emergency room. A female will always be in the room and assists the doctor during the exam.

Typically, our social worker, Kim will greet you in the waiting room. Your child will come back to be interviewed alone. We use a series of open ended questions with your child. We DO NOT push the children to make a disclosure. After the interview we will proceed with the physical exam. **YOU CAN BE WITH YOUR CHILD FOR THE EXAM (but not the interview).** The decision of who is in the room besides the doctor, our social worker and the patient is up to the child.

THE EXAM ITSELF IS USUALLY THE LEAST TIME CONSUMING – and it takes only about three minutes to complete. Nothing is inserted into your child and it IS NOT A COMPLETE PELVIC EXAM. It IS NOT like an adult pelvic exam or Pap smear by a gynecologist. A rape kit is not completed. Instead the doctor uses a colposcope to complete the exam.

A Colposcope is a piece of equipment that magnifies and documents any visible injuries on the child. It is a set of binoculars that sits on a stand with a light attached to it. **NO PART OF THE COLPOSCOPE TOUCHES THE CHILD.** With a female child, the labia (outer lips) area will be touched in order for the doctor to get a better view.

AFTER THE EXAM:

After the appointment the doctor will explain the exam and answer your questions. A report will be written and sent to either law enforcement or children services. This takes about 5 to 7 days. Your report is completely confidential and can only be released to others with a subpoena and / or a signed release of information. We do not disclose over the phone that you were seen in our clinic. We will testify in court, if the case requires such. There is no out of pocket expense for your child's exam. The Ohio Attorney General's Office on Sexual Assault Forensic Examination covers 100% of your appointment. Your insurance will not be billed in anyway.

DO

- ✓ Help your child feel relaxed. Reassure them that there are NO SHOTS
- ✓ Ask questions if there is something that you do not understand
- ✓ Consider counseling for you and your child
- ✓ Call our office at any time to talk about your questions or concerns

DON'T

- ✓ Talk about the case in front of your child
- ✓ Examine your child yourself
- ✓ Question your child repeatedly about the details of the abuse
- ✓ Scare your child by showing fear and distress. They are LOOKING at you for support and encouragement