

# **Court Preparation for the Medical and Legal Professional in Child Abuse**

## **Purpose:**

The intersection of law and medicine can be quite challenging and, at times, daunting for both professions. In child abuse cases, navigating this uncomfortable territory is the rule rather than the exception. Medical care providers are often anxious about going to court and frequently feel ill prepared. Attorneys are often faced with the interpretation of specialized medical data, obfuscating expert witnesses and inaccessible medical providers.

By combining medical and legal faculty in an exciting new training, we hope to address these concerns.

## **Content:**

This is a three-day training sponsored by The Midwest Regional Children's Advocacy Center (MRCAC) and the Western Regional Children's Advocacy Center (WRCAC) in collaboration with the National District Attorney's Association (NDAA).

*The medical training* will consist of the role of the medical provider, abusive head, abdominal and cutaneous trauma, Guidelines and Standards of Care for Possible SA Victims, Genital Findings, Testifying as a Medical Expert, Hearsay, Memory and Suggestibility and a Mock Trial.

*The legal training* will consist of opening statements/closing arguments, discussion of corroborating evidence, ethical considerations, pretrial motions, direct and cross examination of witnesses, preparing children for court, the role of the medical provider, abusive head, abdominal and cutaneous trauma, child sexual abuse, and also a Mock Trial.

This will be a great opportunity for a CAC medical professional and prosecutor to work together to understand each other's roles, and to effectively team in the Court Room. CLE/CME hours are given for this course.

## **Cost:**

**The cost of tuition is \$700/person to the legal and medical professional (physician, nurse practitioner or physician's assistant) team.**

**Preference will be given to legal/medical teams over individuals.**

**--Contact your Regional for possible tuition assistance opportunities--**

**Tuition includes lodging, all breakfasts, lunches, and learning materials during the training.**

## **2009 DATES**

### ***September 24-26, 2009, Bloomington, MN***

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Click [here](#) for registration form (September only)

### ***February 5-7, 2009, Scottsdale, AZ***

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