

Paediatrics Pre-referral Guidelines – Child Advocacy



**Queensland
Government**

Children's Health Services

Royal Children's Hospital

Brisbane

**Child Advocacy
Service**

Consultant Clinics

Sexual abuse

Initial work-up	Pre-referral treatment	Refer when
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inflammation of the perineum +/- non-specific symptoms 	<p>A. No suspicion of sexual abuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine and treat appropriately (eg Vulvovaginitis management) <p>B. Carer concern regarding possibility of sexual abuse and/or disclosure by child</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you form a reasonable suspicion of abuse the Public Health Act 2005 requires all medical officers to report abuse and neglect. Contact the Department of Child Safety and report your concerns verbally and in writing. Contact Police Child Safety and Sexual Crime Unit Ph (07) 3364 6430 	<p>A. No suspicion of sexual abuse</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If diagnosis uncertain, discuss with Child Advocacy Consultant on call <p>B. Carer concern regarding possibility of sexual abuse and/or disclosure by child</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not examine unless urgent indication (to prevent multiple examinations) Discuss with intake officer at Child Advocacy Service at the Royal Children's Hospital or after hours, contact Child Advocacy Service Consultant on call (via RCH Switchboard (07) 3636 8111).

Clinical Advice: **Tel (07) 3636 9180** and ask for the **Child Advocacy Registrar** or After Hours, contact the on call consultant **(07) 3636 3777**

Referral Form Download: http://www.health.qld.gov.au/rch/professionals/gp_referrals.asp

Send Referrals to: **Medical Objects Address – QHEALTH, ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL** Fax: (07) 3636 7811 Mail: Outpatients Department
HealthLink Address - qldrchild Royal Children's Hospital
Herston Rd, HERSTON 4029

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Contact us

RCH Child Advocacy Service – reception and intake	(07) 3636 9180
After Hours, on call Consultant (contact Switchboard)	(07) 3636 3777
Police Child Safety and Sexual Crime Unit	(07) 3364 6430
Child Safety After Hours (Dept of Communities)	(07) 3235 9901 Fax: (07) 3235 9898
RCH Switchboard	(07) 3636 3777
Emergency Department	
• GPs only (clinical advice)	(07) 3636 9005
• Triage nurse	(07) 3636 7900
• ED Admission enquiries	(07) 3636 7055
Admission Enquiries	(07) 3636 8307
Admission Enquiries After Hours (via the RCH Main Switch)	(07) 3636 3449 Pager 42156

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These guidelines were reviewed and developed by specialists at the Royal Children’s Hospital and reviewed by a working group of metropolitan general practitioners in Queensland.

Feedback or suggestions welcomed. Contact the **Centre for Healthcare Excellence**: CHS_CHE@health.qld.gov.au

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