



A NATIONAL PROTOCOL FOR SEXUAL ABUSE MEDICAL FORENSIC EXAMINATIONS: PEDIATRIC

What is KIDSta?

The Pediatric Protocol Technical Assistance Project at KIDSta.org is an Office On Violence Against Women (OVW) funded project of the International Association of Forensic Nurses that is available to all sexual assault responders to provide technical assistance and essential knowledge about sexual assault medical forensic examinations of the prepubescent child and the coordinated community response needed to address the unique needs of the child and non-offending caregiver.

What does KIDSta do?

Through the KIDSta project, IAFN has been working in collaboration with OVW and key stakeholders within the field to promote and disseminate the National Protocol for Sexual Abuse Medical Forensic Examinations: Pediatric, and to offer education regarding the recommendations on a national level to all geographic areas of the country.

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The National Protocol for Sexual Abuse Medical Forensic Examinations: Pediatric (Pediatric Protocol) was designed as a guide for health care practitioners who conduct sexual abuse medical forensic examinations on prepubescent children, and other professionals and agencies involved in the initial community response to child sexual abuse.

The Pediatric Protocol was developed with the input of national, local, and tribal experts throughout the country, including law enforcement representatives, prosecutors, advocates, medical personnel, forensic scientists, and others. The Pediatric Protocol will be useful to help jurisdictions develop a coordinated response to meet the unique needs of the child who has experienced sexual abuse and their non-offending family members.

The Pediatric Protocol offers recommendations to help standardize the quality of care for the sexually abused prepubescent child.

For more information on the *National Protocol for Sexual Abuse Medical Forensic Examinations: Pediatric* or technical assistance provided by the International Association of Forensic Nurses, please visit www.KIDSta.org.

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