
CHAMP Program Observership Purpose and Objectives

The CHAMP Program observership is a 15 contact hour educational experience that offers the opportunity to observe a child abuse expert managing sexual abuse cases. It also provides one-to-one time to review questions stimulated by the *Evaluating Child Sexual Abuse* course, discuss best practices related to the identification and management of child sexual abuse, and develop a professional relationship that can become a valuable resource.

Cases of suspected child sexual abuse are observed or presented by CHAMP Faculty or Associate Faculty with attention to:

1. Communication skills, including:
 - a. Practitioner reactions to the parents, children and cases
 - b. Building rapport and preparing the child for the examination
 - c. Caregiver history
 - d. Child history
2. Examination skills, including:
 - a. General examination
 - b. Genitalia exam techniques
 - c. Colposcopy
 - d. Specimen collection
3. Interpretation of findings:
 - a. Interpretation of physical findings
 - b. Documentation of findings
4. Working with other child abuse team professionals, such as:
 - a. Possible sequences for the team approach
 - b. Making appropriate referrals for the child and family
 - c. Attending an interdisciplinary team meeting

By the end of the observership, participants will be able to:

- Explain appropriate responses to patients and their families
- Describe appropriate child sexual abuse examination techniques
- Describe appropriate management of suspected child sexual abuse cases